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Jason Jackson (left) takes on Kevin Hyde at the Iowa Class Championships.

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The Iowa En Passant is a Chess Journalist of America Award Winner!

Dave Taylor (left) plays Bill Broich at the Iowa Class Championships.

Jul 21, 2012. July Open. 4 SS G/75 with 5 seconds delay. Dahl's Grocery Store, 1802 North Ankeny Boulevard, Ankeny, IA 50023 Reg: 9:15 to 9:45 Rds: 10-12:45-3:30-6:15 EF: $20 Prize Info: based on 12 players: 1st $100, 2nd $75, 3rd $50 US Chess Federation (USCF) membership required. Send Entry Fee to: Mathew Jacob at bluebrightzion@yahoo.com

Jul 21, 2012. Cedar Rapids Open Round Robin Sectionals This open event is a round robin tournament of 4 player sections grouped by USCF rating. Players can choose to compete in either Game 90 or Game 60 round robin section. Because of RR format, no byes are available. Cedar Rapids Public Library, Westdale Mall, Seuss Room, Cedar Rapids, IA 52404 Reg: Advanced registrations must be postmarked by July 16. On-Site registration from 9 am to 9:45 am. Rds: Game/90 Section: 10:15 am, 1:45 pm, 5:00 pm. Game/60 Section: 10:15 am, 12:45 pm, 3:00 pm. EF: $20 if postmarked by 7/14. $25 on site. Prize Info: Each Section: 1st Place = $45, 2nd Place $30. US Chess Federation (USCF) membership required. On-Site Available. Send Entry Fee to: James Hodina, 3411 Blue Pointe Ct. SW. Cedar Rapids, IA, 52404 Make checks payable to James Hodina. Additional Info: Phone:(319) 521-3077 Email: james.hodina@chessiniowa.org.

Jul 21, 2012. Cedar Rapids Scholastic Round Robin Sectionals This scholastic event is a round robin tournament of 4 and 6 player sections grouped by USCF rating. Players with USCF rating greater than USCF 600 will play 3 rounds with Game 45 time control. Players with USCF rating less than USCF 600 will play 5 rounds with Game 30 time control. Cedar Rapids Public Library, Seuss Room, Westdale Mall, Cedar Rapids, IA 52404 Reg: Advanced registration received by 7/19 (email okay, pay onsite). On-site registration: 9:00 am - 9:45 am. Rds: Game/45: 10:30 am, 12:15 pm, 2:00 pm. Game/30: 10:30 am, 11:45 am, Rounds 3, 4 & 5 ASAP. EF: $10 in advance (email by 7/19, pay on site), $15 on site. Prize Info: 4 player sections, each: Trophy 1st and 2nd. 6 player sections, each: Trophies 1st - 3rd US Chess Federation (USCF) membership required. On-Site Available. Send Entry Fee to: James Hodina, 3411 Blue Pointe Ct. SW. Cedar Rapids, IA 52404. Email: james.hodina@chessiniowa.org. Additional Info: James Hodina phone: 319-521-3077.

Aug 4, 2012. August Open
4 SS G/75 with 5 seconds delay. Dahl's Grocery Store, 1802 North Ankeny Boulevard, Ankeny, IA 50023 Reg: 9:15 to 9:45 Rds: 10-12:45-3:30-6:15 EF: $20 Prize Info: based on 12 players: 1st $100, 2nd $75, 3rd $50 US Chess Federation (USCF) membership required. Send Entry Fee to: Mathew Jacob at bluebrightzion@yahoo.com

Aug 11, 2012. Mathew Jacob Going Away and Appreciation Tournament
4 SS-G/10 with 5 T/D. Pioneer Park Covered Shelter #3, 1602 Pioneer Road, Des Moines, IA 50320. Reg: 12:30 to 1:00 Rds: 1:00 pm-1:30-2:00-2:30 (more rounds will be added if the number of players exceeds 16) EF: Donations will be given to Mathew for his fine work providing monthly opportunities for players to play chess in central Iowa. Prizes: none. US Chess Federation (USCF) membership required. On-Site Available. Send EF to: Bill Broich, 7149 Wilshire Blvd. Windsor Heights, IA 50325 Additional Info: After the tournament we will swap stories, analyze games and visit. Feel free to bring food!

Aug 17 - 18. 6th Annual Jackson Open (U2000) $700 Guaranteed!! 4-SS for U2000. G-90 d5. Jackson Public Library, 311 3rd St, Jackson, MN 56143. Reg: Fri. 6:15-6:45 P.M. Sat. 8:30-8:45 A.M. Rds: Fri. (8/17) 7:00 P.M. Sat. (8/18) 9:00 A.M., 1:00 P.M. and Rd. 4 15 minutes after conclusion of Rd. 3. EF: $25 if pre-registered by Aug. 12th, $30 at site. Prizes: $300 + Trophy-$200-$100, U1400 $75. Best upset prize-$25. Entire prize fund GUARANTEED! US Chess Federation (USCF) membership required. On-Site Available. Send EF to: Sam Smith and mail to 73260 490th Ave., Jackson, MN 56143. Additional Info: Contact Sam Smith at 507-847-4929 or paladinjackson@hotmail.com. This tournament is restricted to players with an USCF rating of under 2000 or unrated. One half-point bye available for any round.

A Heritage Event!
Aug. 25-26, GPP: 15 (Enhanced) Iowa 58th Iowa Open Championship (USCF and FIDE Rated). 5-SS, G/90 i30 (Some clocks available). IASCA Super GP Qualifier. Clarion Highlander Convention Center, I-80 NE side of Exit 246, Iowa City, IA 52245. Rds.: 10-2:30-7:30, 9-2. Reg.: 8:30-9:30. Prizes: $1200 b/35 Gtd 1&2 320+T-200-125 U2000, U1800, U1600 125/60 each. EF: $49 pstmked 8/20, $55 on site, IM & GM free EF deducted from any prize, Jrs. & Sr. $10 off, $10 off Out of state residents, IASCA membership reqd ($15 reg, $10 Jr.) or OSA. Tournament Director: Bill Broich. ENT: IASCA, c/o Mark Capron, 3123 Juniper Dr.,

notice of the substitution is given to the pairing tournament director before pairings are posted for that round. Alternates may be invited to form ad hoc teams on site.

2.8. **USCF membership is required for all participants.** Memberships will be available on-site. Players in the K-3 section do not need USCF membership unless they have already been a USCF member.

3. Entry - Registration fees

3.1. Entry fee per team paid before June 1, 2012 is $100
3.2. Entry fee per team paid before September 1, 2012 is $140
3.3. Trophies for late entries may be delayed. Please register early. **No on-site registrations.**
3.4. The team registration form should include the last name, first name and USCF ID number for each player. The team registration should also include the name and telephone/e-mail/fax number of the Delegation chief or team captain.

4. Accommodation - Playing Hall and Hotel Information

4.1. The playing halls are located at QWEST Center (**http://www.qwestcenter.com**)
455 N. 10th Street, Omaha, NE 68102
Telephone: (402) 341-1500, Fax: (402) 991-1501
4.2. We have a limited number of host families who may be able to accommodate a team or some of its members during their stay in Omaha. First come, first served, based on need.
4.3. Players are otherwise responsible for their own accommodations. Some hotels provide shuttle service to the QWEST Center.

5. Playing schedule

5.1. K-3 Section – Game/30 with 5 seconds delay
Saturday (9/24/2011)
- Round 1 – 10:15 AM
- Round 2 – 11:30 AM
- Round 3 – 1:30 PM

Sunday (9/25/2011)
- Round 4 – 9:00 AM
- Round 5 – 10:15 AM
- Awards Ceremony 12:00 PM

5.2. K-6, K-9, K-12, Open Sections – Game/60 with 5 seconds delay
Saturday (9/24/2011)
- Round 1 – 10:00 AM
- Round 2 – 1:00 PM
- Round 3 – 3:30 PM

Sunday (9/25/2011)
- Round 4 – 9:00 AM
- Round 5 – 12:30 PM
- Awards Ceremony 3:00 PM

6. Rules and Regulations

6.1 The tournament will be played according to the Swiss System in 5 rounds. September USCF ratings will be taken into consideration for the pairings.
6.2 Board order will be based on the rating order. First board starts with the highest rated in the team.
6.3 The first place team in each category will be the Midwest Regional Team Champion for 2011.
6.4 Team-winners of the First, Second and Third places in each category will be awarded a team trophy and four members of the each such team will be awarded Gold, Silver and Bronze medals respectively. Team trophies will be awarded to all teams.
6.5 The tournament results will be submitted to USCF for rating.

7. Contact Organizing Committee

Mike Gooch
President – Omaha Chess Community
1004 South 131st Avenue
Omaha NE 68154
Phone – 402 333 0722
Email – mdgooch@cox.net

On site announcements govern over this flyer. See the next page for the registration form. One form needs to be completed for each team. For more information refer www.omahachess.org. Return form with check made payable to Omaha Chess to Mike Gooch at the address above.

Come for the chess. Come for the team competition. Come for camaraderie.

This year is the second year for the Midwest Regional Chess Team Championship and will be held again in Omaha and the gigantic Qwest Center Sept. 29-30. Last year, we drew over 100 players from the surrounding states. A team from Iowa won the open competition. Teams from South Dakota and Iowa and Nebraska won in the scholastic competition.

There's a little something for everyone. The celebration is part of the River Cities Roundup, a rodeo plus side events that draw many people to the downtown area of Omaha. There are plenty of places to stay and eat. Just put together a team of your buddies and come on.

Tournament director Mike Gooch and his staff will make you feel welcome.

The Omaha Chess Community and River City Roundup

Present

The Second Mid West Regional TEAM Chess Championship

K-3, K-6, K-9, K-12 and Open Sections
September 29-30, 2012
QWEST Center
Omaha, NE

GENERAL REGULATIONS (Changed from Last Year)

1. Invitation

The Omaha Chess Community (OCC) and the River City Rodeo and Stock Show (RCR) have the honor of inviting Teams of chess players to participate in the **SECOND MIDWEST REGIONAL TEAM CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP** organized in Omaha, Nebraska September 29-30, 2012.

The mission of Ak-Sar-Ben's **River City Rodeo & Stock Show** is to celebrate the region's heritage. It benefits youth and families through its educational endeavors and scholarships. For more information, please see http://www.rivercityrodeo.com.

2. Participation

2.1. Any school or chess club may enter an unlimited number of Teams.

2.2. Team composition for the Team Tournament is four players from the same school or chess club and in the same category; any combination of boys and girls is possible. New this year: ad hoc teams are welcome too. That is, if you want to join a team but do not have enough players at your school or club, register anyway and we will form teams for you. NO ONE should feel left out. Teams may bring an alternate player. The tournament will be organized in 5 categories according to § 2.4. The Organizing Committee will determine which categories may be combined or subdivided depending on the number of entries. Each category will receive awards, regardless of combination or subdivision.

2.3. Each team shall have one Head of Delegation (teacher or coach or captain).

2.4. Entitled to participate are players who are in:

- K-3 (Kindergarten thru Third grade in 2012-13 academic year)
- K-6 (Kindergarten thru Sixth grade in 2012-13 academic year)
- K-9 (Kindergarten thru Ninth grade in 2012-13 academic year)
- K-12 (Kindergarten thru High School in 2012-13 academic year)
- Open (Adult players from chess clubs or corporate offices)

2.5. Home Schooled players are eligible to join a team or create a team. Four H kids can play by simply registering and being placed on a team. The organizing committee will make every effort to assign individual (unaligned) players to teams with other kids from the same state.

2.6. If you have difficulty recruiting team members, register anyway. We may be able to help. We hope to leave no chess player out of this event.

2.7. Alternates and substitutions on a team are permitted. Alternates may participate in any round if

Iowa City, IA 52245, Ph# 319.321.5435, mcapron243@mchsi.com or broich01@yahoo.com. Hotel: 319-354-2000, $89.99 ask for chess block, www.clarionhighlander.com. USCF – August 2012 Rating List will be used for pairing purposes. FIDE rules will be used. Chess Magnet School JGP.

A State Championship Event!
Aug. 25, 2012 Iowa Reserve Championship
4-SS, G/75 d5. Clarion Highlander Convention Center, I-80 NE side of Exit 246, Iowa City, IA 52245. Open to U1600. Rds.: 10-1-3:45-6:00. Reg.: 8:30-9:30. Prizes: $340 b/25: $140+T-90-60, U1200-$50. EF: $29 pstmkd 8/20, $35 on site, Jrs & Srs $5 off, Out of State $5 off. IASCA membership rqd ($15 Reg, $10 Jr.) or OSA. ENT: IASCA, c/o Mark Capron, 3123 Juniper Dr., Iowa City, IA 52245, Ph# 319.321.5435, mcapron243@mchsi.com. Hotel: 319-354-2000, $89.99 ask for chess block, www.clarionhighlander.com. Chess Magnet School JGP.

Aug. 25, Rated Beginner Open (RBO)
5-SS, G/30 d5. Clarion Highlander Convention Center, I-80 NE side of Exit 246, Iowa City, IA 52245. Open to U1200 or Unrated. Rds.: 10:30-11:40 1:15 then ASAP. Reg.: 8:30-10:00. EF: $15 pstmkd 8/20, $20 on site, Out of State $5 off. Prizes: 1st-5th Trophies, U1000, U800, U600, U400 & UNR 1st & 2nd Place Medals. ENT: IASCA, c/o Mark Capron, 3123 Juniper Dr., Iowa City, IA 52245, Ph# 319.321.5435, mcapron243@mchsi.com. Hotel: 319-354-2000, $89.99 ask for chess block, www.clarionhighlander.com.

SECOND MIDWEST REGIONAL TEAM CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP organized in Omaha, Nebraska September 29-30, 2012.

Nov 9-11, 2012. **Veterans Weekend Chess at The Lodge (IA Qualifier)** 5SS, 30/90, SD/30, d5. The Lodge, 900 Spruce Hills Dr, Bettendorf IA 52722 (Exit 2 on I-74, bordering Davenport, across the river from Moline, Illinois). Iowa Qualifier, three sections, prizes 100% gtd. **Duty (open):** $100+plaque-50, U1900, U1700, $50 each. **Honor (U1600):** $100-50, U1500, U1300, $50 each. **Country (U1000):** Plaque to first. **EF:** $30 for Duty and Honor, $10 for Country ($5 more if on-site). Half-point byes available any round, declare by round 2. **Rds:** First round either Fri 8pm or Sat 9am, then Sat 2:30pm - 8pm, Sun 9am -2:30pm. Free reentry into Sat 9 am round, continue with best score. Accelerated, class, and cross-section pairings possible. **Entry:** By Nov 6 to Kevin Hyde, 900 Spruce Hills Dr #650, Bettendorf, IA 52722 hyde@ioa.com 828-674-6073, on-site entry until 30 minutes before round. **Free Side Events:** Friday Afternoon Quick, Friday Night Chess960, Sunday Night Blitz, Monday Morning Action. **Twenty-one game salute:** $21 prize to best score across all events. "Duty, Honor, Country. Those three hallowed words reverently dictate what you ought to be, what you can be, what you will be." -Douglas MacArthur

A Heritage Event!
Oct. 20-21. 2012 Ames Chess Festival XXVII (IASCA GP Qualifier). Info: Roger Gotschall.

Oct 27. 2012 Iowa Individual Grades Chess Championship
The Iowa State Chess Association is pleased to host the Iowa Individual Grades State Championships in Ankeny, IA. Compete against opponents only in your grade during this four round tournament Where: Ankeny ,Des Moines Area Community College (DMACC) ,FFA Enrichment Center, Rooms 108 & 109 ,Ankeny ,Io 50023 Reg: On-site Registration: 8:30 am to 9:30 am. All entries after 9:30 am will receive a 1/2 pt. bye in Round 1. Rounds: Grades K through 6, Game/30, 4 rounds 10:00 am, 11:15, 12:45, Rounds 4 ASAP. Grades 7-12, Game/45, 4 rounds 10:00 am, 12:00 noon, Rounds 3 & 4 ASAP. Entry Fee: $10 if registered by October 25 (Thursday) or $15 on site. Prize Info: Prizes for each grade. Trophies for 1st through 3rd place and medals for 4th through 6th place. Medals for those participating in their first chess tournament US Chess Federation (USCF) membership required. On-Site Available. Send Entry Fee to: James Hodina, 3411 Blue Pt. Ct. SW Cedar Rapids, IA 52404. Email: james.hodina@chessiniowa.org (register by email and then pay on-site is acceptable). Include Name, USCF ID, Grade, and School with your registration. Additional Info: Half-point bye available any round if requested before Rd 1. Campus Map & Directions: http://www.ffaenrichmentcenter.com/

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Chess is Child's Play. Teaching Techniques that Work

by *Laura Sherman and Bill Kilpatrick*

Mongoose Press, 2012, 302 pp. $19.95

Reviewed by Mark Capron

This book is written for the rank beginner that has never played chess. It is full of ideas on how to present chess to children as young as 1 or others who have never approached the game. The authors describe what you should expect from the book:

Age 1: Touching pieces and board. Picking up pieces and putting them into a bag. Putting them onto the board anywhere.
Age 2 & 3: Naming pieces and learning how some of the pieces move.
Age 4: Fully able to do all the exercises in this book. Able to play a game with occasional errors in piece movement..
Ages 5-7: Able to play a game without making many errors in piece movement. Able to spot checkmate.
Ages 8 and up: Rarely makes errors in piece movement. Can find checkmate in a game.

There are puzzles, mini-games, advice and sections on troubleshooting. For example: My child has trouble seeing all the different ways a pawn can move. Solution: Start with simple positions where the pawn only has one choice. Give many examples of these, working with your child to find the move, until they can confidently do it on their own. Then set up positions where the pawn has two choices...If you see that they have trouble spotting a particular move pattern, work on that with examples, showing that movement. An example of a mini-game would be putting a white rook on a8 and a black rook on h1. You move your white rook first, then they should move their rook. In this mini-game you are just giving them practice moving a rook, adding in the alternation of the move. Avoid taking their rook at this stage. You are simply looking for correct moves.

This book is for a very specific audience, but what better audience could you find? Teaching Chess to your child or other children will build skills that will continue on with that child into their adulthood. As the author's point out Chess makes kids smarter through the ability to concentrate, create, think outside the box, win and lose graciously, build self-confidence, think ahead and develop problem solving skills. I would recommend this book to anyone who wants to teach a child and would like to use Chess as a building block. The material is understandable and presentable for any adult whether they have ever played Chess or not.

can accomplish in your lives." Vince Lombardi

"Plan for gradual improvement, not spectacular leaps. . .A slow and steady stream of water will, in time, erode the hardest rock." David Campbell

Cedar Rapids Reserve

May 26 Cedar Rapids TD: James Hodina

#	Player	Pre	Post	1	2	3	4	5	T
1	Lu, Morgan	936*	1048*	W19	W20	W8	W4	D3	4.5
2	Kogan, Daniel	693*	901*	W25	W21	D3	W7	W9	4.5
3	Park, Jaeyun	1069*	1078*	W16	W22	D2	W8	D1	4.0
4	Aspinall, Jacob	907/23	958*	W18	W27	W7	L1	W11	4.0
5	Knecht, Teresa Ph	810*	809*	W24	L11	W13	D6	W15	3.5
6	Qi, Amanda Caroli	799*	789*	L22	W23	W27	D5	W14	3.5
7	Vigil, Eric G	968/19	955/24	W12	W10	L4	L2	W17	3.0
8	Denison, Christin	999*	977*	W13	W17	L1	L3	W16	3.0
9	Denison, Ana L	1024*	985*	L17	W26	W11	W10	L2	3.0
10	Park, Jaesang	989*	950*	W26	L7	W17	L9	W19	3.0
11	Zastrow, Mason	748*	799*	W23	W5	L9	W12	L4	3.0
12	Palaniappan, Arju	698*	686*	L7	W24	W20	L11	W21	3.0
13	Lodh, Anish	622*	661*	L8	W16	L5	W23	W20	3.0
14	Power, Josiah Tho	814*	744*	L20	W19	W22	D15	L6	2.5
15	Vigil, Barry J	612*	578*	L27	W18	W25	D14	L5	2.5
16	Meng, Alice Lynn	478/13	512/18	L3	L13	W21	W22	L8	2.0
17	Smith, Ryan C	725*	742*	W9	L8	L10	W27	L7	2.0
18	Meng, Nina Renee	407/13	390/17	L4	L15	B0	L20	W27	2.0
19	Meng, Lily Audrer	310/07	352/12	L1	L14	W26	W25	L10	2.0
20	Smith, Aaron Matt	379/10	488/15	W14	L1	L12	W18	L13	2.0
21	Vigil, Crissy	112/25	149*	B0	L2	L16	W26	L12	2.0
22	Able-Paschal, Chr	756/00	566/05	W6	L3	L14	L16	W24	2.0
23	Chen, William	315/05	367/10	L11	L6	W24	L13	W25	2.0
24	Zabokrtsky, Blain	256*	216*	L5	L12	L23	B0	L22	1.0
25	Zabokrtsky, Ameli	108/16	109/20	L2	B0	L15	L19	L23	1.0
26	Smith, Jason Mich	604/00	101/04	L10	L9	L19	L21	B0	1.0
27	Heywood, Gwen	307/05	356/10	W15	L4	L6	L17	L18	1.0

Join the Iowa State Chess Association!

The Iowa State Chess Association is a non-profit organization devoted exclusively to the promotion of chess in Iowa.

Join or renew by sending dues to the IASCA Secretary:

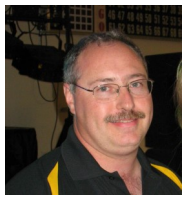
Ron Nurmi
1424 E. Walnut St. Apt. 4
Des Moines, IA 50316

Membership Dues:

Regular	$15 for 1 year
	$28 for 2 years
	$40 for 3 years
Junior (19 and Under) & Senior (65 and over):	$10 per year
Patron:	$25 per year
Affiliates:	$15 per year
Family:	$20 per year
Library:	$15 per year

Hello From the Editor:

This issue is packed!! I had to cut to get it all to fit. Sorry if I didn't get your game or crosstable in, but I am sure you will notice all the fabulous annotated games, nice tournament reports, and a bio of our new president, Eric Vigil.



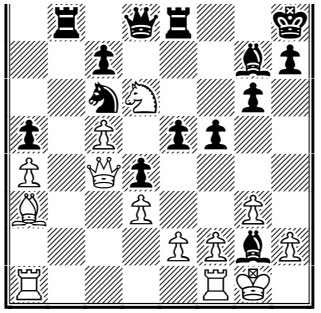
Inside you will find contributions from: Ron Nurmi, Bill Broich, Ray Kappel, James Hodina, Bob Long, Thomas Hesse, Bob Keating, Dan Vasto, Wes Ferguson, Jose Gatica, Hank Anzis, John Flores, Eric Vigil, Amir Farnoud, and Matt Power.

Congrats to Amir Farnoud, Dan Vasto, and Jose Gatica as they are the new Co-Champions of Iowa. Congrats to Jim Hodina and Tom Hesse as they were re-elected to go with our new president, Eric Vigil.

Check out the Iowa Open in August it will be FIDE and USCF rated (IASCA board approved).

As always when you see chess news please submit it. —Mark Capron

Puzzle Time:



White to move and mate in Four.

2012 IASCA Annual Meeting

April 29, 2012 1:00 PM
Meeting called to order by Mark Capron
A moment of silence to honor Iowa chess players who died in the past year--
Dan Rebik, Jim Silliman, and Steve Young
Reports--
USCF Delegate report by Roger Gotschall
Scholastic Report by James Hodina
Treasurer's Report by Mark Capron
Starting Balance
Scholastic Fund $908.00
General Fund $3731.00
Ending Balance
Scholastic Fund $967.00
General Fund $3661.00
Secretary's Report by Ron Nurmi
Elections--
President
Eric Vigil by unanimous ballot
Director at Large (2) by unanimous ballot
James Hodina
Tom Hesse
USCF Delegate for 2013
Roger Gotschall
Alternate Delegate to be filled by I ASCA Board of Directors
Change in IASCA By-Law
FROM--General Rules for a Qualifying Tournament. Dates of all qualifiers shall be from May 1 until March 31 of the following year.
TO-- Dates of all qualifiers shall be from April 1 until March 31 of the following year. This defines the " qualifying cycle " for the State Championship .
Meeting adjourned 2:30 PM

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Dec 1. 2012 Iowa K-12 Scholastic Open Championships (K-3, K-5, K-8 & K-12)

The Iowa State Chess Association is pleased to host the Iowa K-12 Scholastic Open Championships in Ames, IA. This is the first Iowa State Chess Association scholastic championship event of the year. There are 4 sections. The Primary (K-3), Elementary (K-5), Junior High (K-8), sections crown the Iowa Primary, Elementary and Junior High Open Champions. The Open (K-12) section crowns the Iowa Scholastic Open Champion Where: Ames ,Ames High School ,Ames High Drive ,Ames ,IA 50010 Reg: On-site 8:30 AM – 9:30 AM. Rounds: Grades K – 3 & K – 5, 5 rounds. Rd 1: 10:15, Rd 2: 11:30, Rd 3: 1:00 pm, Rounds 4 & 5 ASAP. Game in 30 minutes per player. Grades 7 – 12, 4 rounds, Rd 1: 10:30 Rd: 2 12:15, Rds 3 & 4 ASAP, Game in 45 minutes per player. Entry Fee: $10 if registration received on or before November 29 (Thursday), otherwise $15 at tournament site. Prize Info: All Sections: Trophies to Top 5 scores overall and Top Scoring Girl. K-3 section: Trophies for top scoring players rated under 200, 400, 600, and unrated. K-5 section: Trophies for top scoring players rated under 400, 600, 800 and unrated. K-8 section: Trophies for top scoring players rated under 600, 800, 1000 and unrated. K-12 Open Section: Trophies for top scoring players rated under 800, 1000, 1200 and unrated. US Chess Federation (USCF) membership required. On-Site Available. Send Entry Fee to: Soma Chaudhuri, 2612 Ridgetop Rd, Ames, IA 50014 Phone: (515) 451-5188 Email: chaudhur@iastate.edu. Make checks payable to Fellows PTO. Include Name, USCF ID, Grade, and School with your registration. Additional Info: Half-point bye available any round if requested before Rd 1.

Jan 19. 2013 Iowa Denker (9-12) & Barber (K-8) Qualifying Tournament

The Iowa State Chess Association is pleased to host Denker and Barber qualifying event to determine the High School and Grade K-8 Champion. The Denker is open to high school students (9-12) only. Barber is open to students in grades K-8 only. Champions have the right to represent Iowa in the 2013 Denker Tournament of High School Champions and Barber K-8 State Champions to be held in Madison, Wisconsin, in August, 2013. Students must be under 19 as of 9/1/2013. In the case of a tie for first place, a match will be held at mutually agreed upon time to determine the representative to the national event Where: Iowa City ,Kirkwood Community College - Iowa City Campus ,1816 Lower Muscatine Road ,Iowa City ,IA 52240 Reg: On-site registration will be from 9:00 to 9:45 am on the day of the tournament. Rounds: 4 games - 60 minutes per player per game. Games at 10:00, 12:30, Games 3 & 4 ASAP. If there are less than 8 players, TD reserves the right to cancel round 4. Entry Fee: $10 if registered by 1/17/2013, $15 at site. Pre-register by contacting James Hodina at james.hodina@chessiniowa on or before 1/26/2011. Please include Name, USCF ID #, and grade. Prize Info: Trophies to Top 3 Overall. Top scores for USCF U1200, U1000, U800, U600 & Unrated. Medals for first time tournament players US Chess Federation (USCF) membership required. On-Site Available. Send Entry Fee to: Submit to: James Hodina, 3411 Blue Pt. Ct. SW Cedar Rapids, IA 52404. Email: james.hodina@chessiniowa.org (register by email and then pay on-site is acceptable). Include Name, USCF ID, Section, and School with your registration. Additional Info: Half-point bye available any round if requested before Rd 1.

Jan 26. 2013 Iowa Girls Chess Championship

The Iowa State Chess Association is pleased to host the 2013 Iowa Girls Chess Championship. This is the IASCA qualifying event to represent Iowa at the USCF Girls National Chess Championship. Where: Ames, IA ,(Location to be determined, check back for updates) ,Ames ,IA 50010 Reg: On-Site: 8:30 am to 9:30 am. Advanced entries must be received by 1/13/2012 - email or post mail. Rounds: Round 1 at 10:00 a.m., Round 2 at 12:15 p.m., Rounds 3 & 4 ASAP. Entry Fee: 10 if registered by 1/24/2013, $15 on site. Prize Info: Trophies to Top 5 overall. Top scores for USCF 1000, 800, 600, 400, 200 & Unrated. US Chess Federation (USCF) membership required. On-Site Available. Send Entry Fee to: Submit to: James Hodina, 3411 Blue Pt. Ct. SW Cedar Rapids, IA 52404. Email: james.hodina@chessiniowa.org (register by email and then pay on-site is acceptable). Include Name, USCF ID, and School with your registration. Additional Info: Half-point bye available any round if requested before Rd 1.

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side passed pawn for White that may provide a decisive advantage in a king or knight ending. **31...a×b3 32.♗×b3** This capture seems better for White since the a-pawn will be more difficult to stop if the rooks can be exchanged than a b-pawn. Also, my light-square bishop is more stable on b3 than any other square on the a2-g8 diagonal. **32...♖b8** I really was not sure of how to proceed. My f-pawn is vulnerable, and Black's d-pawn is difficult to attack and potentially dangerous. I wondered about trading my knight for the ♗g7, but that did not seem right since the knight may be stronger than the bishop for some time. **33.♘e4** Activating my rook via c1 was my main alternative; however, I thought the rook might be too vulnerable with there being so many minor pieces remaining on the board. [33.♖c1 ♗f8 34.♖c7 ♗d6 35.♖a7] **33...h5** White's knight had been restricting this pawn advance, which Black quickly took the opportunity to make. Later on, it may help to create mate threats against the White king. [33...♗c6 was better, but play remains similar to the game. 34.♘c5 ♗f8 35.♘e6 d3] **34.♘c5 ♗b5 35.♖d1 ♗f8 36.♘e6 ♗d3** Black is ready to round up White's f-pawn. I first looked at 37.♘×d4, but I was unsure that I'd be able to avoid losing material to the pin that would follow. Then, I thought about sacrificing on g5, but then my best result would be a draw. Finally, I thought about whether I could somehow exploit the position of the ♗d3 in conjunction with a discovered attack. That was the plan I chose. **37.♘×f8** [37.♘×d4!? turns out to be safe but probably no better than the game continuation. 37...♗c5 38.♗e3 ♘g4 39.♖×d3 ♘×e3 40.♘e6 ♗b6 41.♔f2 ♘×f5+ 42.♔f3; 37.♘×g5? f×g5 38.♗×g5 ♗×f5 39.♗f6+ ♗g7 40.♗×g7+ ♔×g7 41.♖×d4 ♔f6 [] +; 37.♗×g5? f×g5 38.♘×g5 ♗×f5 39.♖×d4?? ♗c5–+] **37...♖×f8 38.♗b4 ♖e8** [38...♖d8?? 39.♗e7] **39.♗d6** [39.♗e6!? ♔g7 40.♗c5 ♗c4 41.♗×c4 ♘×c4 42.♖×d4 and Black will regain his pawn. 42...♖e1+ 43.♔f2 ♖c1 44.♖d7+ *(44.a3 ♖c2+ 45.♔g1 ♖c1+ 46.♔f2 ♖c2+=)* 44...♔g8 45.♗d4 ♖c2+ 46.♔f3 ♘d2+ 47.♔e3 ♘f1+ 48.♔e4 ♖×g2 49.♗×f6 ♖e2+ 50.♔f3 ♖×a2 51.♖g7+ ♔f8 52.♖×g5 ♘×h2+=] **39...♗×f5 40.♖×d4 h4 41.♖b4!** With Black having potential back rank mate threats looming, the idea dawned on me to trade rooks. This also would have the effect of making my outside passed pawn stronger, especially if I could also trade the light-square bishops. **41...♗e6?** This plays right into my plan. [41...♘c6 Makes it much more difficult for White to make any progress. 42.♖b6 ♗e4 43.♗a4 ♖c8 44.♗b5 ♔g8 45.a4 ♔f7 46.♗a3 ♘e5 47.♗b2 ♖c2 48.♗f1 ♘d7 49.♖b4] **42.♖b8 ♖×b8 43.♗×b8 ♗×b3?!** This makes it easier for White, although preserving the bishops might still not save Black. [43...♗c8 44.a4 ♔g7 45.a5 ♘c6 46.♗c7 ♗a6 47.♔f2 ♔f8 48.♗d5 ♘e7 49.♗f3 ♔f7 50.♗b6 ♔e6 51.♗d4 f5 52.♗e2 ♗×e2 53.♔×e2 ♘c6 54.♗b6 ♔d7 55.♔d3 ♔c8 56.♔c4 ♘e5+ 57.♔d5 ♘d3 58.♔e6 f4 59.♔f5] **44.a×b3!** This is the only way if White wants to play for a win. [44.♗×e5? wins material but is dead drawn. 44...♗×a2 45.♗×f6+ ♔h7 46.♗×g5 h3 47.g3 *(47.g×h3=)* 47...♔g6 48.♗d2 ♗d5 49.g4 ♗g2=] **44...♘c6 45.♗d6 ♔g7 46.b4** My first goal is to divert Black's attention to my passed pawn. Then, I plan to use my king to win Black's kingside pawns followed by the game, itself. **46...♘d8 47.♔f2 ♘b7 48.♗c7** The knight is contained for now. **48...f5?** [48...♔f7 49.♔e3 *(49.♔f3 f5 50.♔e3 ♔e6)* 49...♔e6 50.♔d4 ♔d7 51.♗b8 ♘d6 52.♔d5 ♘f5 53.♔e4 ♔e6 54.h3 ♘d6+ 55.♗×d6 f5+! *(55...♔×d6?? 56.♔f5)* 56.♔d4 ♔×d6 57.b5 g4 58.b6 g×h3 59.g×h3 ♔c6 60.♔e5 ♔×b6 61.♔×f5 ♔c7 62.♔g4 ♔d7 63.♔×h4 ♔e7 64.♔g5 ♔f7 65.h4 ♔g7=] **49.♔e3 ♔f6 50.♔d4 ♔e6 51.b5 g4 52.h3?** fixing the h4-pawn so it can be won by the bishop as well as White's king. Unfortunately, this is a mistake that allows Black to draw. [52.♗f4 h3 53.g3 ♘a5 54.♔c5 ♔d7 55.♔d5 ♘b7 56.♔e5 ♘d6 57.b6 ♔e7 58.♗g5+ ♔d7 59.♔f6 ♔c6 60.♗f4 ♘c4 61.b7 ♔×b7 62.♔×f5+-] **52...♔d7?** [52...g×h3 53.g×h3 ♘d6 54.b6 ♘b5+ 55.♔e3 ♘×c7 56.b×c7 ♔d7 57.♔f4 ♔×c7 58.♔×f5] **53.♗f4 g×h3** [53...♘d6 54.♔c5□ *(54.♗×d6? ♔×d6 55.b6 g×h3 56.g×h3 ♔c6 57.♔e5 ♔×b6 58.♔×f5 ♔c7 59.♔g4 ♔d7 60.♔×h4 ♔e7=)*] **54.g×h3 ♘d8** Black misses his last chance to tempt White into a draw. [54...♘d6 55.♔c5□ *(55.♗×d6? ♔×d6 56.b6 ♔c6 57.♔e5 ♔×b6 58.♔×f5 ♔c7 59.♔g4 ♔d7 60.♔×h4 ♔e7=)*] **55.♔e5 ♘e6 56.♗e3 ♘d8 57.♔×f5 ♘f7 58.♗c5 ♘d8 59.♔g4 ♘e6 60.♗f2 ♔d6 61.♔×h4 ♘c7 62.♗g3+** This was a game full of mistakes from both sides with a lucky end to one of my worst tournaments ever. At least I was not in Wes' position, although I very well could have been. **1–0**

Farnoud,A (1892) - Tyagi,K (2073) [B42]
IA Closed Chp. Iowa City, IA (5), 29.04.2012
1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 e6 3.d4 c×d4 4.♘×d4 a6 5.♗d3 ♘f6 6.♕e2 d6 7.c4 ♕c7 8.♘c3 ♘bd7 9.b3 g6 10.♗b2 ♗g7 11.♖d1 0–0 12.♗b1 b6 13.0–0 ♗b7 14.f4 ♖fd8 15.f5 e×f5 16.e×f5 d5 17.♘×d5 ♘×d5 18.c×d5 ♗×d5 19.f×g6 h×g6 20.♘f3 ♕b7 21.♗×g7 ♔×g7 22.♘g5 ♘f6 23.♕e5 ♕c6 24.♘e4 ♕e8 25.♕×f6+ ♔g8 26.♘g5 ♕e3+ 27.♔h1 ♖a7 1–0

"That some achieve great success, is proof to all that others can achieve it as well." Abraham Lincoln

"If you'll not settle for anything less than your best, you will be amazed at what you

since I was ahead in development, could easily support e5 with f4, and would have a space advantage on the kingside, where Black seems destined to castle. [9.♖e1 ♗e7 10.e5 ♘d7 11.♕g4 g6; 9.♕e2 ♗e7 10.b3 0–0 11.♗b2] **9...♘d7 10.f4** [10.♖e1 ♖b8 11.♕g4!? h5 12.♕f4] **10...g6?!** Black prevents f5 for now, though it may be the site of sacrifice later, and he also prevents ♗×h7 sacrifices that may follow when he castles, but his kingside dark squares become very weak. [10...♕b6+ 11.♔h1 ♘c5] **11.♘e2** heading to g3 to support a kingside attack. Black can trade his knight for White's light-square bishop if he wishes. **11...♕c7** [11...♘c5 12.♘d4 ♘×d3 13.c×d3 c5 14.♘b3] **12.c3** preserving my bishop and bolstering the long dark diagonal in anticipation of Black playing ♗g7 and f6. **12...♗g7 13.♘g3 0–0 14.♕e2** This move introduces potential tactical ideas for Black based on the ♖f1 being skewered on the a6-f1 diagonal, but is also serves several purposes for White in that b2 is doubly protected, ♕b6+ can be met with ♗e3, and if Black plays f6, then e6 will come under attack. [14.♘h5? g×h5 15.♕×h5 f5; 14.h4?! ♕b6+ 15.♔h2 h5] **14...a5** This threatens ♘c5, when the ♗d3 cannot retreat due to the skewer previously mentioned. **15.♗e3** preventing ♘c5. **15...c5** This seems to be Black's best move, increasing control of the left side of center and potentially anticipating activity on the a8-h1 diagonal aiming at White's king. **16.♖ad1** The rook is mobilized for actions in the center and on the kingside, and my bishops are free to retreat to the first rank, if needed for defense, without keeping my queen's rook out of play. The position is relatively equal, but I prefer White. **16...♕b6 17.c4** At minimum, I wanted to prevent Black from trading the light-square bishops. I also hoped to weaken the f5 square and/or lock the center so that I could proceed to attack on the kingside without Black having much chance for counterplay. [17.♗b5 was tempting but did not seem to increase White's advantage. 17...♗a6 18.♗×a6 *(18.a4 ♖fd8 19.♗f2 f6 20.e×f6 ♘×f6=)* 18...♕×a6 19.c4 d4 20.♘e4=; 17.b3?! ♗b7 18.c4 d4 19.♗e4 a4 will yield a weak queenside pawn for Black to focus on.; 17.b4? a×b4 18.c×b4 ♕×b4 19.♖b1 ♕a3] **17...f6?** Black prematurely weakens his kingside at a time when his pieces are not well-placed or completely developed. [17...d×c4? 18.♗×c4 ♕c7 19.♘e4+-; 17...d4 18.♗c1 ♗b7 19.♗e4 ♖fb8 20.♗×b7 ♖×b7 21.♘e4 ♗f8 22.h4 and White seems able to proceed on the kingside while Black has no counterplay.; 17...♗b7 18.c×d5 e×d5 *(18...♗×d5 19.♗e4±)* 19.♗f2 ♖ae8 20.♗b5 ♖e7 21.♖c1 d4 22.♕c4=] **18.c×d5 e×d5 19.e6?** My idea is to jam the f6 pawn, keeping Black's ♗g7 relatively inactive. The move is okay except that there was a much stronger one available. [19.♗b5! White will still get to play f5, but by making some intermediary threats, he will do so with greater command of the board. 19...d4 *(19...f×e5 20.♖×d5)* 20.e6 d×e3 *(20...♘b8 21.e7)* 21.e×d7 ♗b7 22.♗c4+ ♔h8 23.f5] **19...♕×e6 20.f5 ♕e8?!** Black's instinct is to protect his material; however, he is currently up a pawn, and returning the pawn can be done favorably by him. [20...♕f7! 21.♗b5 *(21.♕f2 c4 22.♗c2 ♘e5 23.♗d4∓; 21.♕c2 c4 22.f×g6 ♕e6 23.g×h7+ ♔h8 24.♘f5 c×d3 25.♕×d3 ♘e5 26.♘×g7 ♔×g7 27.♕×d5∓)* 21...♖e8 22.♕f2 ♖b8 23.♗×d7 ♗×d7 24.♗×c5=] **21.♕f2?!** In a complicated position with time pressure, this is another error. [21.♖fe1! ♗b7 22.♗b5 ♖f7 23.♕c2 ♖e7 24.♗d2 ♖d8 25.♖×e7 ♕×e7 26.♗×d7 ♕×d7 27.f×g6 h×g6 28.♕×g6±; 21.♕f3? ♗b7 22.♗f4 g5∓] **21...d4 22.♗c4+?!** unnecessarily reducing the pressure on g6. **22...♔h8 23.♗f4 ♘e5 24.♗d5 ♖a7** [24...♗a6 25.♖fe1 ♖d8 26.♗e4–+] **25.♕c2** Black used a lot of time on this move. White is attacking multiple points, but it seems relatively easy to see that the critical variation occurs after 25...g5. Black ultimately chose a different move, but had he chosen 25...g5, White would have had to play very precisely to avoid losing. **25...♖c7** [25...g5! 26.♗×e5 ♕×e5 27.♗e6! *(27.♕×c5?* yields a winning material advantage to Black. *27...♖d7 28.♕×d4 ♕×d4+ 29.♖×d4 ♖fd8 30.♖c1 ♗b7)* 27...♗×e6 28.f×e6 ♕×e6 29.♕×c5 ♖d7 30.♕×a5 d3 31.♖fe1 ♕c6 32.♘e4 ♖e7 33.♘f2 ♖e2 34.♖f1 *(34.♖×d3?? ♕c5!!)* 34...♕c2 35.♕f5 ♕×b2 36.♖×d3 ♕×a2 37.♖d7∓] **26.♖×d4 g5** [26...c×d4 27.♕×c7 ♕b5 28.♗e4 a4 29.h4±] **27.♗c1?** another time-pressure mistake. [27.♗×e5 ♕×e5 28.♖dd1 and White maintains material equality and control of the board.] **27...c×d4 28.♕×c7** The dust is now settling, and the position is relatively equal, although I thought Black would now gain momentum. **28...a4 29.♗d2 ♕d7 30.♕×d7?** Yet another mistake. For some reason, I feared that my king would become less safe than Black's. I also thought the exchange of queens would strengthen my queenside pawn majority. Unfortunately, I failed to appreciate that it is still Black's king who is in the greater danger, and my queen remains better than Black's, especially in its ability to coordinate with my other pieces to attack Black's weak d- and a-pawns. [30.♕c5] **30...♗×d7** The position is simplified but still complicated. Black's rook is going to find activity on the c- or b-file, and White's b2 pawn may be a difficult target to defend. Also, White will not find it so easy to win Black's d-pawn, which may be quite dangerous due to its advanced state. **31.b3** This will eliminate my need to defend this pawn and establish an out-

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2	Hodina, James D	1953*	1938*	L4	B0	W6	W7	3.0
3	Johnson, Robert A	1532*	1542*	W16	W11	L1	W8	3.0
4	Taylor, David C	1271*	1389*	W2	W14	L5	W11	3.0
5	Hesse, Thomas	1816*	1811*	W9	H0	W4	L1	2.5
6	Patterson, Steven	1700*	1700*	D10	W15	L2	D13	2.0
7	Willett, Joseph A	1473*	1450*	L11	W10	W14	L2	2.0
8	Takahashi, Mina C	1289*	1304*	L1	W16	W12	L3	2.0
9	Takahashi, Michae	1229*	1228*	L5	L12	W16	W14	2.0
10	Hodina, Regan E	1021*	1106*	D6	L7	W15	H0	2.0
11	Qi, George Larry	1063*	1202*	W7	L3	W13	L4	2.0
12	Jackson, Jason R	1238/07	1243/11	L13	W9	L8	W16	2.0
13	Jetty, Milind	1556*	1535*	W12	L1	L11	D6	1.5
14	Jain, Chirag	1159*	1123*	B0	L4	L7	L9	1.0
15	Power, Matthew Sc	1097*	1070*	H0	L6	L10	U0	0.5
16	Jetty, Teja	953*	929*	L3	L8	L9	L12	0.0

Spotlight On: Eric Vigil … the new IASCA President

Hello, My name is Eric Vigil, I am 46 years old and rated 955. My wife, Gretchen is unrated but we have a family membership, and four children, Crissy 9 year old and rated 304, Barry 9 years old and rated 663, Jacob 7 years old and rated 389 and Joseph also 7 years old (not twins) and rated 242. I live in Iowa City, and work as a nurse in pediatrics at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics, I have worked there 22 years. I have also retired from the US Army Reserve with 5 years active service and 16 years in the guard/reserves for a total of 21 years. I did a tour in the Middle East with the 209th Medical Company from Iowa City during the liberation of Kuwait in 1991.

I was born and raised in the Chicago Area. I started playing chess in first grade at the Langendorf Park Chess Club in Barrington Illinois when I was in first grade. I might have even played in a tournament? It was in the early 70's when Fischer Mania was sweeping the nation. I remember my dad wanting me to go, and taught me how to play chess. He is an electrical engineer and patent attorney, he was a pretty good chess player and beat me up until my late 20's. I was quite proud when I beat him. But, when my parents got divorced we stopped going to chess club. I continued to play with my brothers, and cousin Rett and my Great Uncle Ted. Rett, my brother John and I would take turns on Thanksgiving and Easter trying to beat Uncle Ted. I can't remember ever beating him. I didn't really get into chess when I was in high school, Barrington High School did have a chess team. Funny I thought the guys on the chess team were geeks, but I was on the debate and math team? Was I any less geeky? In school, I did really get into tactical gaming, those old Avalon Hill games Stalingrad, D-Day, Afrika Corps, and the Mother of All Wargames SPI's War In Europe. All these games involved moving division sized units across the board to recreate "what could have been" in a WWII battle. The strategy involved I find very similar to chess, but there always was the calculated risk element.

In Iowa City, my first big chess influence was a gentleman named Michael Richards. He ran a beeswax and soy based candle factory in Iowa City. We used to play many games together, Nuclear Risk, Ultimate Frisbee, and Chess. He was my friend and nemesis. On the risk board, he was able to convince other players to attack me, and on the ultimate Frisbee field we were evenly matched and typically ended up guarding each other. We started to play chess at the Java House down town, he would be sneaky and bring a thermos of coffee as when we would play for long periods of time he would fill our cups to make the owners think we were paying customers. Michael would always play the Torre attack. I would fall into its trap and he would win 4 of 5 games we would play. That is when I joined the US Chess Federation in the mid-nineties. I started getting *Chess Life* Magazine and learned the Kings Indian Defense. I would go over the solitaire chess with Bruce Pandolfini, and work on the puzzles in the magazine. In the course of a year I was winning 2 of 3 games we played. I said to Michael we should go to a chess tournament, but I was too afraid, figuring I would lose. We never did. I fell in love with a woman, and chess went by the wayside again.

Time passed, and I got married. Gretchen and I were unable to conceive children, so we started to adopt, our first child Barry is from Guatemala. After having Barry in our house, a social worker friend Sue Witte told us we didn't need to go to Guatemala to get a child as there are plenty right here in Iowa that need homes. Gretchen and I became foster parents. We have had 10 children in our home, we kept 4. After our oldest child Crissy came into our house we turned in our foster care license. When Barry got to kindergarten, Weber Elementary School in Iowa City had a chess club. I said, "hey Barry lets learn how to play chess!" I taught him, and brought him to chess club, he didn't seem to like it much and went for about 6 months, then stopped. Then he found a new

sleep the night before, so I was worried that I would hallucinate something in my sleepy fog and lose. Plus, besides winning the championship, I had a secondary goal of reaching 2050 USCF at this tournament, which would be accomplished with a draw here. I wandered over to the Farnoud-Tyagi game and realized that if Farnoud played ♕e5 that he was winning a piece and the game. Several agonizing minutes later he played ♕e5, so, realizing that the championship was still within reach, I returned to my board and rejected Vasto's draw offer. **16.♘e5 ♖fd8 17.♘×d7 ♖×d7 18.♖c4** Played to avoid a possible perpetual attack by the knight going back and forth from b5 and a3. **18...♖dc7 19.♕b2 ♕d6?!** this allows a tactical shot. **20.♗×b7 ♘×e2+** [20...♖×b7 21.♖×d4 ♕×d4 22.♕×d4 c×d4 23.♖×c8#] **21.♕×e2 ♖×b7 22.♕c2** It was this position I had seen before playing 20.♗×b7 and knew there was no way to defend the c pawn. **22...♖d8 23.♖×c5 g6 24.♖c7** At this point Vasto only had 1 minute to get to move 30 and I had 9, so I played for tricks. I hoped for ♖db8? 25. ♖×b7 ♖×b7 26. ♕c8+ **24...♖×c7 25.♕×c7 ♕d4 26.♕c5 ♕b2!** I have to give it to Vasto, with seconds left on his clock he finds the most active move. **27.♕c2 ♕×c2 28.♖×c2 ♖×d3 29.♖c8+** [I also evaluated ♖c7, but felt that black's rook would be more active than in ♖c8+ line. 29.♖c7 a5 30.♖a7 *(30.♖c5 a4 31.b×a4 ♖a3)* 30...♖d5] **29...♔g7 30.♖a8 ♖d7** I felt that I was better here, and thought perhaps a pawn move was accurate, but I couldn't work out the variations to my satisfaction, so I opted just to race to the centre right away. **31.♔f1 ♔f6** [31...e5 is what McEntee felt was necessary to draw, followed quickly by f5, the idea being to distract the white king from going to the queenside.] **32.♔e2 ♔e5 33.♔e3** With the idea that if the black king goes to the queenside then my king steps in his shadow to reach the queenside and help the pawn majority there. **33...f5?! 34.f4+** Now I felt I was winning as his e pawn becomes backward. **34...♔f6 35.♖c8** Here I was worried about e5, so I prevent it tactically. **35...h6** [35...e5? 36.♖c6+ ♔e7 37.f×e5] **36.b4 ♖b7 37.♖c4** [37.a3?! a5 38.b×a5 ♖b3+ 39.♔d4 ♖×a3 and his rook is actively placed.] **37...g5 38.a4 g×f4+ 39.g×f4 ♔g6** [After the game Vasto blamed ♔g6 for his loss and thought ♖g7 was good enough to draw, but Crafty thinks b5 is good enough to keep white's advantage. 39...♖g7 40.b5 ♖g2 41.♖c7 ♖×h2 42.♖×a7±] **40.b5 a6 41.♖b4 a×b5 42.a×b5 ♔f6 43.♔d4 ♔e7 44.b6** [44.♔e5? allows a cute draw: 44...♖d7 45.♖d4 *(45.b6?? ♖d5#)* 45...♖b7] **44...♔d6 45.♖b3 h5 46.h4 ♔d7 47.♔c5 ♔c8 48.♖g3 ♖e7 49.♔c6 1–0**

Annotations by Bob Keating

Keating,R (2230) - Ferguson,W (2017) [B46]
IA Closed Chp. Iowa City, IA (5), 29.04.2012
For the final round, Wes and I would play for the distinction of avoiding dead last. The tournament was officially a bust for both of us by the end of the 3rd round (2nd round for me). I had already avoided the distinction of having the worst championship of any defending champion in the history of the IA Closed (0 / 5 for the defending champ in 2000), and Wes was trying to avoid the misfortune of scoring 0 / 5 for the tournament, a fate that had befallen other players at least 4 times before. There was still a lot of drama to be played out on the other boards as all of the other 4 contenders retained chances to at least share the title. **1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 e6 3.d4 c×d4 4.♘×d4 ♘c6** Wes had previously used the Classical Sicilian and Kan Sicilian against me. This would be the first time we've played the Taimanov Sicilian. It also would mean that only 1 of my 5 opponents played what was expected. **5.♘c3 a6 6.♘×c6** Both 6.♗e2 and 6.♗e3 are more common in master play, but this move scores the best among the popular choices. **6...b×c6 7.♗d3** I knew this to be the main line of this variation, although I paused to consider the novice-appearing 7.e5. [7.e5!? I considered playing this move with the idea of restricting Black from playing d5 but for the cost of having isolated a- and c-pawns. It looks a bit simplistic, and I was unsure about whether I'd be able to successfully maintain the pawn there. It certainly should be possible, considering it can be defended by f4, ♗f4-g3, ♕e2, and ♖e1. Black, though would be able to counter with the break, f6, as in the French defense, to isolate e5 and then either pile up a like number of pieces on it or use the fact that White must vigorously defend it to focus pressure elsewhere. Master games typically allow e×d6, although White should have an increasing advantage as the game progresses toward the ending. 7...♕c7 8.f4 d5 9.e×d6 ♗×d6 10.♘e4 ♗e7 11.♗d3 ♘f6 12.0–0 0–0] **7...♘f6!?** 7...d5 is far more common in master play. The move played, seen in <1% of games, has scored extremely well for Black (4.5–1.5). **8.0–0** [8.e5 ♘d5 9.♘×d5 c×d5 10.0–0 d6 11.♗f4 (11.f4 d×e5 12.f×e5 ♗c5+ 13.♔h1 ♕c7 14.c3 0–0± *(14...♕×e5? 15.♗f4 ♕f6 16.♗d6)*) 11...d×e5 12.♗×e5 ♗d6 13.♗×d6 *(13.♗×g7 ♖g8 14.♗c3 ♗×h2+ 15.♔×h2 ♕h4+ 16.♔g1 ♕h3 17.g3 ♖×g3+ 18.f×g3 ♕×g3*+= with perpetual check to follow.*)* 13...♕×d6±] **8...d5** We've now transposed back to the main line of the variation, normally arrived at by 7...d5 8.0– 0 ♘f6. **9.e5** 9.♖e1 or 9.♕e2 are the usual continuations. Here, I felt that 9.e5 was justified

targets in d4 and b3) ♘d7 34 h5 ♖×c7 35 ♕×c7 ♕c8 36 ♕×c8 ♗×c8 (I have to exchange since 36. ♕d6? loses to 36♗f8) and suddenly the situation turns into a superior endgame for black. **♔g8** As I mentioned, 31. ♖×c7 would be a better move in my opinion. **32.h5 g×h5** After a long thought, my opponent decided to take the pawn. Black can't play 32♗g5 because of 33. ♗×g5 h×g5 34. ♘×g5, but maybe 32 ... ♖×c7 33 ♖×c7 ♖c8 34 ♖×c8 ♗×c8 35 h×g6 f×g6 36 ♕c2 ♕e8 was better. **33.♘g3 h4 34.♘h5 ♖×c7 35.♖×c7 ♖e7** During the game I was considering 35♗♖c8 to be a better move. However, that loses to 36. ♗×h6! ♖×c7 37. ♘f6+ ♗×f6 38. ♗×f8. After this move white actually has a better winning continuation… **36.♕c1?** Which I missed! 36. ♖c3 would have won quickly, for example 36♗♘d7 (otherwise white can play 37. ♗×h6 and 38. ♘f6+) 37. ♘×h4 ♗e2 38. ♘×g7 ♕×g7 39. ♖g3 (38♗ ♖×g7 loses to 39. ♖g3+ ♔h8 40. ♕c1). Of course it's much easier to find these continuations after the game in front of a computer and with a cup of tea! **h3** I was thinking of 36 ... ♖×c7 37 ♕×c7 ♗e2 38 ♕×b6 ♗×f3 39 g×f3 ♘d7 40 ♕×a5, this move makes it a bit easier for white. **37.♖×e7 ♕×e7 38.♘×g7 ♔×g7 39.♗×h6+ ♔h7 40.♗g5 ♕e8 41.♗f6 ♗d3 42.♕g5 ♗g6 43.♕h4+ ♔g8 44.♕h8# 1–0**

Comments from Dan Vasto:

I was very surprised to be leading the tournament after 4 rounds, with only Kushan able to completely overtake me if I lost (which I did) and if he won (but he also lost) in the last round. I fully expected Bob and/or Kushan to win the tournament based on rating and recent results. So the result was a total surprise. The largest unknown factor was the play of Amir Farnoud. He was well-prepared and very focused, and his result speaks for itself. Jose Gatica also played very well. I can speak from personal experience because he played the endgame in our last round game just about perfectly. He was the only undefeated player, and that speaks for itself, as well.

Vasto,D (2044) - Ferguson,W (2017) [B46]
IA Closed Chp. Iowa City, IA (4), 29.04.2012
1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 e6 3.♘c3 a6 4.d4 c×d4 5.♘×d4 ♘c6 6.♘b3 ♕c7 7.♗d3 ♘f6 8.0–0 ♗e7 9.f4 d6 10.♕f3 ♗d7 11.♗e3 ♘a5 12.♘d4 ♘c4 13.♗×c4 ♕×c4 14.e5 ♘d5 15.♘×d5 ♕×d5 16.♕g3 g6 17.♖fd1 ♕a5 18.e×d6 ♗f6 19.c3 0–0 20.♘f3 ♖fd8 21.♘e5 ♗g7 22.♕f2 ♕a4 23.♖d4 ♕b5 24.a4 ♕b3 25.♖a3 ♕b6 26.♖d2 ♕a5 27.♗b6 ♕×a4 28.♖×a4 ♗×a4 29.♗×d8 ♖×d8 30.♕b6 ♗f6 1–0
Tyagi,K (2073) - Gatica,J (2044) [E12]
IA Closed Chp. Iowa City, IA (4), 29.04.2012
1.♘f3 ♘f6 2.d4 e6 3.c4 b6 4.a3 ♗b7 5.♘c3 ♗e7 6.d5 e×d5 7.c×d5 0–0 8.e4 d6 9.♗e2 a5 10.0–0 ♘bd7 11.♗e3 ♘c5 12.♘d2 ♗a6 13.b4 ♗×e2 14.♕×e2 ♘cd7 15.♘b3 ♘e5 16.b×a5 b×a5 17.♘d4 ♕d7 18.h3 c5 19.d×c6 ♘×c6 20.♘f5 ♖fe8 21.♖fd1 ♗f8 22.f3 ♖ab8 23.♕a2 ♖e5 24.♖ac1 ♖be8 25.♗f4 ♖×f5 26.e×f5 ♕×f5 27.♕c4 ♘e5 28.♗×e5 d×e5 29.a4 ♗b4 30.♘d5 ♘×d5 31.♖×d5 g6 32.♕c6 ♖f8 33.♖cd1 ♕f4 34.♖d8 ♔g7 35.♖×f8 ♗×f8 36.♕e4 ♗c5+ 37.♔h1 ♕×e4 38.f×e4 ♗d4 39.g3 f5 40.e×f5 g×f5 41.♔g2 ♔f6 42.♖b1 h5 43.♖b5 ♗c3 44.♖c5 ♗b4 45.♖c6+ ♔g7 46.♔f3 ♗d2 47.♔e2 ♗b4 48.♖e6 ♗c3 49.♔d3 ♗d4 50.♖a6 ♗f2 51.g4 f×g4 52.h×g4 h×g4 53.♖×a5 ♔f6 54.♔e4 g3 55.♖a6+ ♔f7 56.♖c6 g2 57.♖c1 g1♕ ½–½

Comments and annotations from Jose Gatica:

Leading up to the championship my results were hopeful. I had gained 100 rating points in the previous 10 months. In December I started working with Tim McEntee, and with his coaching I felt I was improving with every tournament. Hopeful, but uncertain is how I would describe my state of mind entering the championship.

The actual course of the tournament was strange. After drawing Farnoud and defeating Ferguson I was held to a draw by Keating in a position where I was clearly winning but allowed a clever save in time trouble. Thoroughly annoyed, I slept poorly, and found myself with a losing position on move 5 against Tyagi the next round. For 50 miserable moves I defended until my opponent let the win slip away to a draw. So, heading into the final round, I was in the curious situation that if I won and Tyagi did not win then I would be a co-champion.

After winning against Vasto and becoming co-champion I was hit with a huge wave of relief. It dawned on me that subconsciously I never actually believed I could win the championship. Hopefully next time I'll have a little more self confidence!

Gatica,J (2044) - Vasto,D (2044) [A14]
IA Closed Chp. Iowa City, IA (5), 29.04.2012
1.c4 ♘f6 2.g3 e6 In my two previous games against Vasto where I played the English opening he played e5, so at this point I was out of my preparation. **3.♗g2 c5 4.♘f3 ♘c6 5.0–0 ♗e7 6.b3 0–0 7.♗b2 d5 8.c×d5 ♘×d5 9.♘c3 ♘×c3** It was with this move that I understood that Vasto wanted to draw - and if Kushan lost or drew his last game, Vasto would be left sole champion of Iowa. **10.♗×c3 ♗d7 11.d3 ♗f6 12.♖c1 ♗×c3 13.♖×c3 ♕b6 14.♕d2 ♖ac8 15.♖fc1 ♘d4** It was here that Vasto offered a draw, and it was very tempting. I had very little

friend, Vladimir! Vladimir (with a name like Vladimir how could he not play chess) played chess, so Barry wanted to go back to chess club! So at the first chess club meeting they announced there would be a tournament on the last Saturday in August (the Iowa Open at the Clarion 2011) I took Barry, and that is where I met Steve Young.

Steve was wild enthusiastic about chess. He spotted me as a new chess dad. Gave me his card, tried to get me to sign up with chess lessons for Barry. Offered to rent me his large chess set for a party, and convinced me to buy a scholastic tournament roll up chess set. Barry did OK for his very first tournament, he won a game (that he should have lost) and drew a game (that he should have won) and left the tournament upset that he didn't get a trophy. I was proud of him for going to a chess tournament. A couple weeks later, Barry was back on the horse, and my house went into a chess explosion, all of his siblings wanted to play. Barry was playing with kids at school, and for his birthday in October, I held a chess tournament birthday party for him. I rented the large chess set from Steve, and the party was a big hit. That was my first tournament I directed.

After that all my kids were going to tournaments. I took Joseph and Barry to the K-12 championships in Cedar Rapids. All the kids were going to chess club at Weber elementary. We joined up with the family membership at USCF. Chess was firing on all cylinders at my house, and that is where a problem arose. Next year, my kids would be going to a new school, one without a chess club. If I wanted my children to have a chess club at Borlaug Elementary, I would have to run it. Hence, I started to think about becoming a Tournament Director. I tried to start a chess club in the afternoons to give me some experience in running a chess club, but it was pretty much my kids and two or three others. It was discouraging, but I feel that when I open up the Borlaug Chess Club I will have more kids.

I finally got the courage to do an OTB tournament myself. It was at the Botanical Gardens the week before Thanksgiving in Des Moines. I was unrated so I went in with the kids. Luckily, there was already Christine Denison there, I had seen her and her daughter Ana at tournaments before, it helped me not feel totally awkward going in. My very first opponent was Josiah Power, and yes he beat me! I rallied and won three games and walked away with a 668 provisional rating. Since then I have kept playing, and gotten my rating up to the 900's. A couple months later I went to Chicago and competed in the 73rd Knights quest. I had to compete in the U1400 section because I am an adult. Mostly it was children playing. I was across from a young man who was 8 years old and rated 1200. He kept kicking me under the table, not intentionally, just a kid not sitting still very well. Then he threw his pencil, again not intentionally, but just goofing off. I said loudly, "Goofy Kid!" and the TD came over and cautioned me! I held my tongue and kept playing. I won one game and tied another. At this tournament, however, I entered my four children and a cousin as a team in the under 600 section, they won first place! I was a very proud chess dad. Steve Young later told me he thought that since there were many more tournaments in the Chicago area their ratings were inflated. I have heard similar stories from other players in Iowa as well.

I see a lot of new players getting discouraged after their first tournament or two if they don't win. My best advice to new players is expect to lose the first few times in tournaments. Take your time in Tournaments, often kids especially will move too quickly and not use all their time. Take accurate and legible notes! Going over my games has helped me greatly.

In training for tournaments I have tried Internet Chess. It is OK, not a huge fan of it. Many players are rude on the large chess sites, they want to play a game and will abandon it quickly, I have had rude comments said to me when I won the game. It is fun when I have set up a game against my Cousin Michael John or my brother John who live far way. I much prefer going and playing live people at the Hawkeye Chess Club in Iowa City on Tuesday and Thursday evenings at the Wedge Pizza Restaurant in downtown Iowa City. Hey they have really good soup! I still get beat a lot, but I am learning tactics and enjoying good conversation, meeting people, and not getting remarks like, "I PWND U! sucker!".

Another passion in my life these days is soccer. I love to watch soccer, coach soccer and play soccer. I have been devouring the Euro 2012 tournament on ESPN. I am on the board of directors at Kickers Soccer Club in Iowa City. My kids all play on teams, I coach two of my children's teams, and I am the manager of an adult team, "The Heart Attacks" composed of many nurses and physicians I work with. We have the best looking jersey, although we were last in this year's spring season. Sometimes it

is hard to balance work/soccer/kids and chess. In the dark of winter I also like to put together jigsaw puzzles. Summer, everyone wants to be outside. I love to cook, especially cookies, bars and cheesecake. Sometimes my wife and I will have a top chef competition in the kitchen, we just buy ingredients at the store, and then the other person has to make up dinners with what is in the kitchen. Usually we have really good food. In fact our daughter Crissy commented that she has been to many different foster homes, and we win best cooks hands down! I also run a fantasy football league at work, and that gets pretty intense. Again I used to think Fantasy football was for geeks, but then my best friend joined his work league and got me to sign on as co-manager, I was hooked. Although, with many interests some things are waning, fantasy football is one of them. I love to read. Currently I am reading the R. R. Martin *Game of Thrones* series. I subscribe to the *London Economist*, the *Funny Times*, and *Yoga Journal*. Yes I love to do yoga, you may see me doing yoga poses in between or during a game. My chess library is very limited. I recently read *The Immortal Game*, by David Shenk, and I am also currently reading, the *Chess Artist* by J. C. Hallman. I am also working on studying some basic tactics books, I check out a couple at the library every couple weeks and scan through tactics.

I was elected as the president of the Iowa Chess Association. I sought the position after Steve Young died. I had started to hang out with Steve after meeting him at the Iowa Open in August of 2011. Steve was doing a lot of youth activities in the Iowa City Area. I went to a few chess tournaments with him, we went to Hank Anzis's G10 Marshalltown Blitz and the last one was Jim Hodina's Leather Jackets in Cedar Rapids. I was one of the last people to see him alive. I really feel that I could make chess better in Iowa. One thing is carrying on the strong youth chess movement in Iowa City. Two, revitalizing the Hawkeye Chess Club, it needs a student to run it, and we need to get back into the IMU and hold some cool collegiate tournaments there. Three, I am hoping to go to as many chess tournaments in Iowa as I can! And four I plan to attend the next couple US Open Tournaments as they will be nearby (Madison and St. Louis). Most importantly, is to get the word out about chess in Iowa. I also have been amazed by all the people in Iowa I have chatted with about Chess. I had some business cards made up, and at the recent Cedar Rapids Public Library tournament I handed 10 cards away and chatted with people as they came in to look at the tournament wondering what all the chess stuff was. I had a good feeling that a couple of the people I handed cards to will be back. I ran into a young man at Walgreen's who had not been to a tournament in a while, but he still seemed to have a passion for the game, we talked until another coworker mentioned he was still on the clock. I have some ideas on getting a spot on some local radio shows, and to organize some tournaments. In Fact on June 26th and 27th I will be running my very first tournament. Outside at City Park in Iowa City in the evening, bring some bug spray!

Arnie Gatton underwent some surgery recently and is recovering nicely according to his email. He does say that we all should watch out for him cause he will have more blood flowing to his brain now!!! Arnie I hope you win many more games in the years to come! -Ed

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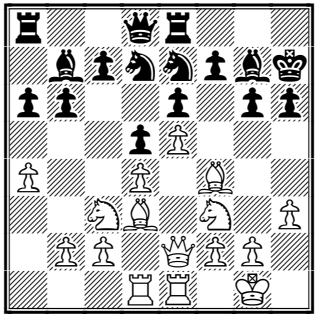
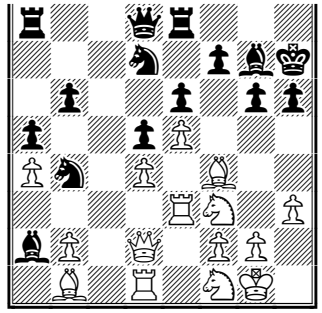
What you own is your own kingdom
What you do is your own glory
What you love is your own power
What you live is your own story
In your head is the answer
Let it guide you along
Let your heart be the anchor
And the beat of your own song

Neil Peart

lowed by ♘g3 with chances for a kingside attack might be a good plan to follow. **♖e8 15.e5 d5** So, now we have made our intentions known. White is going for a kingside attack for which the b1-h7 and c1-h6 diagonals are very important and black is going for a queenside attack which starts with c5 and potentially ♖c8 and ♘c6. Before doing any thing on the kingside I had to take care of c5.



16.♘b1 Knight goes to b1 to prepare c3 and then potentially go to g3 via f1 and help the kingside attack. Even though this knight retreat is an easy move to find, I have to admit that during the game I was thinking of Karpov's famous 24. ♘b1 against Spassky in Candidates Tournament, 1974 1. e4 c5 2. ♘f3 e6 3. d4 c×d4 4. ♘×d4 ♘f6 5. ♘c3 d6 6. ♗e2 ♗e7 7. O-O O-O 8. f4 ♘c6 9. ♗e3 ♗d7 10. ♘b3 a5 11. a4 ♘b4 12. ♗f3 ♗c6 13. ♘d4 g6 14. ♖f2 e5 15. ♘×c6 b×c6 16. f×e5 d×e5 17. ♕f1 ♕c8 18. h3 ♘d7 19. ♗g4 h5 20. ♗×d7 ♕×d7 21. ♕c4 ♗h4 22. ♖d2 ♕e7 23. ♖f1 ♖fd8 24. ♘b1 ♕b7 25. ♔h2 ♔g7 26. c3 ♘a6 27. ♖e2 ♖f8 28. ♘d2 ♗d8 29. ♘f3 f6 30. ♖d2 ♗e7 31. ♕e6 ♖ad8 32. ♖×d8 ♗×d8 33. ♖d1 ♘b8 34. ♗c5 ♖h8 35. ♖×d8 1-0 and was quite happy for being able to play a Karpovian move! **c5** Black quickly starts the queenside attack **17.c3 ♘c6 18.♘bd2 c×d4 19.c×d4 ♘b4 20.♗b1** Of course I wanted to keep this bishop on the board at all costs. **a5** Black plans 21.♗a6 which helps with activating his queenside. 20.♗c6 was a good alternative which could be followed by b5 and the ♗b5 and give black better chances for equality. **21.♘f1** I played this immediately planning to keep pressure on h6 and avoiding black's king from leaving the b1-h7 diagonal. But, It seems that 21. h4 was a better move. After 21.♗a6 I could still maintain the pressure on h6 after ♕e3. **♗a6 22.♕d2 ♗c4 23.♖e3** Black is threatening ♗b3 which will then take the a4 pawn, white has to cover the b3 square. **♗a2**



24.♗c2 So, black has threatened to exchange my most active piece and there is no way to avoid the exchange. But, at least I can try to exchange the bishop with black's most active piece which is the knight on b4. After the exchange I will still control the diagonal and can get the control of the c-file. **♘×c2 25.♕×c2 ♖c8 26.♖c3 ♗c4 27.♖c1** And now white starts to take control of the c-file **♕e7 28.b3 ♗a6** To be honest, I had not seen the bishop retreat and was thinking that'll win a piece after b3! My opponent was ready for it though and played ♗a6 immediately! **29.♕b1** I did not want to lose control of b1-h7 diagonal, at the same time it was critical to control the c-file. Black was threatening to exchange the rooks on c3 and the play ♖c8, so I had to take the queen out of the way to be able to retake with the rook in case of an exchange. **♕f8** I am ready to play ♖c7 and black doesn't want to have his knight pinned to his queen. I'm not sure what would be the best way to continue after 29 ... ♖×c3 30 ♖×c3 ♖c8 31 ♖×c8 ♗×c8. During the game I was thinking of 32. ♕c2 and then ♕c6 or ♕c7 attacking the b6 pawn, but 32. h4 sounds like a better option. In either case white is a bit better but I'm not convinced that it is enough for a win. **30.♖c7 ♘b8 31.h4** Finally starting a kingside attack! I decided that there was nothing more that could be done to improve the situation on the queenside and started marching on kingside. During the game I was feeling good about this move, but it is not as strong as I had thought. After 31 ... ♖×c7 32 ♖×c7 ♖c8 33 ♕c2 (33 ♖×c8 ♕×c8 34 h5 ♕c3 and black two good

31. ♗a8 needed to be played. If 31...♘e6; 32. ♗c6, ♖b8; 33. ♖d5, ♘d8; 34. ♖×e5, d×e5; 35. ♗d7; c6; 36. ♖h4, ♖b7; 37. ♗g4, c5; 38. ♖h1, ♘c6; 39. a4, ♘d4; 40. ♔f2 and although Black has an advantage, the game is far from over. **g×f5?** 30...c6!; 31. f6+, ♔g8; 32. ♖h6! (The move Black feared.), c×d5; 33. ♖4h4, ♖×g5; 34. ♖×h7, ♖h5 (The move Black missed.); 35. ♖(h7)×h5, g×h5; 36. e×d5, ♖e5! would be the simplest way to win. **31.e×f5 ♖×f5** Black could have tried 31...♖e2+; 32. ♔f3, ♖8e3+; 33. ♔f4, c6; 34. ♗f3; ♖e1; but 35. ♖gh4; should turn the tables (forcing 35...♖×h1 after which ♔×e3 is good). The rest of the game simplifies into a draw. **32.♗e4 ♖×e4 33.♖×e4 ♘e6 34.♖f1 ♖×g5 35.g4 h5 36.♔g3 ♖×g4+ 37.♖×g4+ h×g4 38.♔×g4 ♔g6 39.a3 ♘g7 40.b4 a×b4 41.a×b4 f5+ 42.♔f3 ♔f6 43.♖h1 ♘e6 44.♔e3 ♔e5 45.♖h7 ½–½**

Ferguson,W (2017) - Farnoud,A (1892) [C54]
IA Closed Chp. Iowa City, IA (3), 28.04.2012
1.e4 e5 2.♗c4 ♘c6 3.♘f3 ♘f6 4.d3 ♗c5 5.c3 d6 6.0–0 h6 7.♘bd2 0–0 8.b4 ♗b6 9.♗b3 ♘e7 10.♘c4 ♘g6 11.♘×b6 a×b6 12.♖e1 ♖e8 13.h3 c6 14.♘h2 ♗e6 15.c4 ♕c7 16.♕f3 ♔h7 17.g4 ♘h4 18.♕g3 ♘g6 19.♘f1 d5 20.e×d5 c×d5 21.♘e3 ♘f4 22.♘×d5 ♘6×d5 23.c×d5 ♗×d5 24.♗×d5 ♘×d5 25.♗b2 f6 26.a3 ♕c2 27.♗c1 ♕c3 28.♗e3 ♖×a3 29.♖ac1 ♕×d3 30.♕f3 ♕b5 31.♕e4+ ♔h8 32.♕g6 ♘×e3 33.♖c7 ♖g8 34.♖ec1 ♕d5 35.f×e3 ♖a2 36.♖1c2 ♖×c2 37.♕×c2 ♕f3 38.♔h2 ♕×e3 39.♖c8 ♕f4+ 40.♔g2 ♖×c8 41.♕×c8+ ♔h7 42.b5 ♕e4+ 43.♔g3 ♕d3+ 44.♔g2 ♕×b5 45.♕f5+ g6 46.♕×f6 ♕c6+ 47.♕f3 ♔g7 48.h4 ♕×f3+ 49.♔×f3 ♔f6 50.♔e4 ♔e6 51.h5 g×h5 52.g×h5 b5 53.♔e3 ♔f5 54.♔f3 b4 55.♔e3 ♔g5 56.♔e4 ♔×h5 57.♔×e5 b3 58.♔d6 b2 59.♔c7 b1♖ 60.♔b8 ♖c1 61.♔×b7 ♔g5 62.♔b6 ♔f5 63.♔b5 ♔e4 64.♔b4 ♔d3 65.♔b5 ♔d4 66.♔b4 ♖b1+ 67.♔a3 ♖b8 68.♔a4 ♔c5 0–1

Comments and Annotations by Amir Farnoud

I was by far the lowest rated player in the championship tournament so I had very low expectations. At the same time, this was a bonus since there was absolutely no pressure and even getting one and a half points out of five was enough to increase my rating! So, I thought that I'm going to give every one a fight, but all I need is just one and a half points to call it a good tournament! After the first day I had already achieved that goal after drawing with Gatica, losing against Vasto and winning against Ferguson. Now I could just sit back and enjoy my games knowing that whatever happens in the rest of my games I've had a good tournament! On the second day I was playing against the two highest rated players. My game against Keating is probably my most complicated game of the tournament (which I have annotated) and after it ended in my favor, I was still not thinking of winning the championship. I still had to beat Tyagi and Gatica would have to beat Vasto and it was only then that I would become one of the co-champs. I won my last game before the Gatica-Vasto game was over and watching their game was more stressful than playing any of my games! Finally, Gatica won that game making the three of us the co-champions. It was quite an achievement considering that my primary goal for last year was just to get qualified for the state championship tournament.

Farnoud,A (1892) - Keating,R (2230) [B06]
IA Closed Chp. Iowa City, IA (4), 29.04.2012
Against Dr. Keating I don't have a great record: I've simply lost all the three times we have played! But, I had played black in all those games, and the last time we had played (Quad cities championship in Bettendorf) I was totally outplayed. So I went into this game thinking that it's ok to lose, but if that is going to happen it should happen after a real battle! **1.e4 g6** Even though I'd never had white against him, I knew my opponent plays a Modern/Robatsch system with black so I was able to prepare a little bit. **2.d4 ♗g7 3.♘c3 d6 4.♘f3 a6 5.a4** this move is necessary if white wants to avoid a quick counterplay on the queenside. **b6 6.♗e3 ♘d7 7.♕d2 ♗b7 8.♗d3 h6 9.0–0 e6 10.h3 ♘e7 11.♖ad1** I had looked at this system before the game and in my understanding white has good chances here. We had both played quickly up to this point and spent less than 10 minutes to get here. **♔f8** My opponent thought for 7 minutes for this move. The logic is simple, black needs to connect the rook and protect the h6 pawn at the same time. This move has been played in the game between Tirard and Lazic in La Fere France, Open 2007. That game ended in a quick draw after white was not able to get advantage on the king side. 12 ♘h2 ♔g8 13 f4 f5 14 ♗c4 d5 15 e×d5 e×d5 16 ♗a2 ♘f6 17 ♘f3 ♔h7 18 ♘e5 ♖f8 19 ♗f2 ♘e8 20 ♗h4 ♗f6 21 ♗×f6 ♘×f6 22 ♕e1 ♘c8 23 ♕g3 ♘e7 24 ♕h4 ♔g7 25 ♔h2 ♕d6 26 ♖d3 1/2 -1/2. Another move here is 11...♘f6 played in the game between Fedorchuk and Onkoud in Paris open in 2008: 12 ♖fe1 ♕d7 13 ♗f4 ♖d8 14 e5 ♘fd5 15 ♘e4 ♘×f4 16 ♕×f4 ♘d5 17 ♕g3 ♘b4 18 ♘f6+ ♗×f6 19 e×f6 ♘×d3 20 ♖×d3 ♗×f3 21 ♖×f3 d5 22 ♖c3 c6 23 ♖b3 ♕b7 24 ♕c3 ♔d7 25 ♖a3 ♕c7 26 ♕d3 ♖a8 27 ♕d2 ♕d6 28 ♖f3 ♔c7 29 b3 ♖ad8 30 ♖d3 a5 31 c3 g5 32 b4 ♖a8 33 ♖a1 ♖a7 34 ♕b2 ♖ha8 35 ♕b3 a×b4 36 c×b4 ♔d7 37 ♖c3 ♕f4 38 a5 b×a5 39 b5 ♕×d4 40 b×c6+ ♔c7 41 ♖b1 ♕b4 42 ♕c2 ♕e4 43 ♕b2 ♕b4 44 ♖b3 ♕e4 45 ♕a3 1-0. **12.♖fe1 ♔g8 13.♗f4 ♔h7 14.♕e2** I was planning to play e5 and didn't like to have a double pawn after ♗×f3. 14. ♘e2 fol-

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Gradsky Tops Players from Eight States to Win TNT FIDE Open
By Bill Broich

Chess players from eight different states (AL, IA, IL, KS, MN, MO, NE, and WI) played in the TNT FIDE Open held at the Gentlemens Chess Club in Davenport, Iowa on March 24-25, 2012. Ben Gradsky of Kansas City, MO won 4 out of 5 points to win the event. Tony Duteil, Kansas City MO, Jose Gatica, Des Moines IA, Nick Karlow, St. Louis MO, and Kyler Weatherspoon, St. Paul MN tied for second place with 3.5 points each. The U1800 section was won by Arshaq Saleem of Iowa City, IA who had 2.5 points and Pranav Krishnamurth, also of Iowa City, IA finished second with 2 points. Three players tied for the unrated FIDE prize, Jacob Wilkins of St. Louis (MO) Arshaq Saleem of Iowa City (IA), and John Holmes of Olathe (KS). Sixteen players participated in this event. Twelve players had a rating over 1800 and five were experts.

#	Player	St	Pre	Post	1	2	3	4	5	T
1	Gradsky, Benjamin	MO	2095*	2106*	W15	W4	D6	W2	D5	4.0
2	Karlow, Nick W	MO	2113*	2112*	W7	D5	W11	L1	W6	3.5
3	Gatica, Jose M	IA	2034*	2035*	W9	L6	W7	D4	W8	3.5
4	Weatherspoon, Kyl	MN	1979*	1988*	W16	L1	W13	D3	W11	3.5
5	Dutiel, Tony	MO	1845*	1890*	W14	D2	W8	D6	D1	3.5
6	Ferguson, Wesley	WI	2010*	2017*	W13	W3	D1	D5	L2	3.0
7	Holmes, Dan B	KS	1821*	1830*	L2	W14	L3	D10	W13	2.5
8	Wilkins, Jacob	MO	1843*	1857*	D10	W15	L5	W11	L3	2.5
9	Saleem, Arshaq	IA	1636*	1686*	L3	W16	L10	D13	W15	2.5
10	Knapp, Joseph	NE	2019*	2001*	D8	L11	W9	D7	U0	2.0
11	Liatti, Mark Lloy	AL	1900*	1891*	W12	W10	L2	L8	L4	2.0
12	Krishnamurthy, Pr	IA	1481*	1488*	L11	L13	D16	D15	W14	2.0
13	Gaul, Thomas	IA	1861*	1834*	L6	W12	L4	D9	L7	1.5
14	Jain, Chirag	IA	631*	675*	L5	L7	B0	D16	L12	1.5
15	Peralta, Luis M	IL	1917*	1877*	L1	L8	H0	D12	L9	1.0
16	Rector, Richard L	IA	1515*	1487*	L4	L9	D12	D14	U0	1.0

Games:

Gaul,T (1861) - Ferguson,W (2010) [A01]
TNT Davenport, IA (USA) (1), 24.03.2012
1.b3 e5 2.♗b2 ♘c6 3.e3 g6 4.♗e2 ♗g7 5.h4 h6 6.g4 d5 7.d3 ♗e6 8.f4 ♕d7 9.♘f3 f6 10.f×e5 f×e5 11.♘h2 0–0–0 12.♘d2 ♕e7 13.♘hf1 ♗f6 14.♘f3 ♗×g4 15.♘×e5 ♘×e5 16.♗×g4+ ♔b8 17.d4 ♗×h4+ 18.♔d2 ♘×g4 19.♕×g4 ♗g5 20.♖e1 ♘f6 21.♕g2 ♘e4+ 22.♔c1 ♖hf8 23.♖e2 ♖f5 24.♘g3 ♘×g3 25.♕×g3 ♕e4 26.♖h3 ♖df8 27.♔d2 b6 28.♗a3 ♕×d4+ 0–1

Gradsky,B (2095) - Peralta,L (1917) [D11]
TNT Davenport, IA (USA) (1), 24.03.2012
1.d4 d5 2.c4 d×c4 3.♘f3 c6 4.e3 b5 5.a4 a6 6.♘c3 ♗b7 7.♗e2 ♘f6 8.0–0 e6 9.♘e5 ♗d6 10.♕c2 ♕c7 11.f4 0–0 12.♗f3 ♘bd7 13.♗d2 ♘d5 14.♘e4 f6 15.♘×d6 ♕×d6 16.♘g4 e5 17.♗e4 h5 18.♗h7+ ♔f7 19.f×e5 ♕e6 20.♗f5 ♕e7 21.e6+ ♔g8 22.e×d7 g5 23.e4 ♘b6 24.♘e3 ♘×d7 25.♕d1 h4 26.♕g4 ♖ad8 27.♗e6+ ♔h8 28.♗a5 c5 29.♘f5 ♕h7 30.♗×d8 ♖×d8 31.♘d6 1–0

42.♗×f5 ♖g7 43.♖h2#) 40.♗×f5] **36.♕×f5** [36.♗×f5 h5 37.♕e4 d5 38.c×d5 c×d5 39.♕a4 ♘d4 40.♗×d7 ♘×e2+ 41.♔g2 ♗g6∞] **36...♕×f5 37.♗×f5 ♔f6** [37...♘d4 38.♗×d7 ♘×e2+ 39.♔f1 ♘c3 40.♘c1] **38.♗×e6 ♗×e6 39.f3 a5** Keeping the queenside passive may look attractive, but then White will advance on the kingside, provoke a weakness on the queenside, and win the game on either side since Black will not be able to defend both sides adequately. **40.♘f4 ♗f7 41.♔f2 a4 42.g4 b5?** Liquidating all the queenside pawns was not such a good idea. Better, would have been to isolate the b-pawns in order to leave White with a weakness to defend and retain the possibility that Black might be able to generate and outside passed pawn. [42...a×b3!? 43.a×b3 b5 44.c×b5 c×b5 45.b4 ♖a7] **43.c×b5 c×b5 44.b×a4 b×a4 45.♖e4 a3 46.♖a4 ♗×a2 47.♖×a3 ♗f7 48.♖d3 ♔e5 49.♘e2 ♗c4 50.f4+?!** [50.♖e3+ Retaining the minor pieces helps White. 50...♔f6 51.♘d4] **50...♔f6 51.♖d4 ♗×e2** Black's drawing chances should be better with just rooks on the board. **52.♔×e2 ♔e6 53.♖e4+ ♔f6 54.f5 d5** Both sides were in time pressure at this point, but White's was worsening more quickly as he tried to calculate the win. Black knew he was lost and was just trying to keep things complicated. **55.♖e6+ ♔g7 56.g5?!** This is dubious only in so far as it sets up things for the time-pressure draw that followed. White is still winning. [56.♔d3! d4 57.♖e4 h5 58.g5 ♖d5 59.f6+ ♔g6 60.♖e7 *(60.♖×d4)*] **56...h×g5 57.h×g5 d4 58.♔d3?** An inaccuracy in extreme time pressure. White can still win but he had less than 30 seconds to figure out how. **58...♖d5 59.♖g6+?=** There were only 2 winning moves for White here, 59.♔e4 and 59.♖f6. Unfortunately for White, even if he had chosen one of these, if Black plays accurately then to win would take more moves than White would likely have time to ponder and make without significant risk of losing on time. Therefore, forcing the triple repetition may have been his best practical choice. [59.♔e4 d3 60.f6+ The only move to win. White cannot take Black's rook. *(60.♔×d5 d2=)* 60...♔f8 61.g6□ d2 62.g7+ ♔f7 63.♖e7+ ♔×f6 64.g8♕ ♖d4+ 65.♔e3 *(65.♔×d4 d1♕+=)* 65...♖d3+ 66.♔f2 ♖f3+ 67.♔×f3 d1♕+ 68.♖e2 ♕d3+ 69.♔f2 ♕d6 70.♕h8+ ♔g6 71.♕e8+ ♔f6 72.♕e4 ♕h2+ 73.♔f1 ♕h3+ 74.♔g1 ♕g3+ 75.♖g2 ♕h3 76.♖f2+ ♔g5 77.♕e5+ ♔g6 78.♖f6+ ♔g7 79.♕e7+ ♔g8 80.♖f8#; 59.♖f6 ♔g8 60.g6 ♔g7 61.♖f7+ ♔g8 62.f6 ♖d6 63.♔e4 d3 64.♖g7+ ♔f8 65.♔f5 d2 66.♖h7 ♖d5+ 67.♔f4 ♖d4+ 68.♔g5 ♖d5+ 69.♔h4 *(69.♔h6?? ♖h5+∓)* 69...♔e8 70.f7+ ♔e7 71.♖h8 ♖d4+ 72.♔g3 ♖g4+ 73.♔f2 ♖f4+ 74.♔e2 and Fritz indicates mate in 21 more moves.] **59...♔f7□ 60.♖f6+ ♔g7 61.♖g6+ ♔f7 62.♖f6+ ♔g7 63.♖g6+** In the end, I was at least happy that I would not be skunked for the tournament. Nonetheless, my first three games were disgusting losing efforts. My opponents had played very well, for sure, but I had brought this misery upon myself for missing opportunities that should not have been so hard for me to find. **½–½**

Annotations by Dan Vasto:

Vasto,D (2044) - Tyagi,K (2073) [E19]
IA Closed Chp. Iowa City, IA (3), 28.04.2012
1.♘f3 Strategy of surprise (not playing my usual 1. e4), did not work as well against Kushan as it did in round 1 against Bob. Neither of us seemed to be in best form after having played two taxing games already this day. **♘f6 2.g3 b6 3.d4 ♗b7 4.♗g2 e6 5.0□ 0 ♗e7 6.c4 0–0 7.♘c3 ♘e4 8.♕c2 ♘×c3 9.♕×c3 d6 10.♖d1 ♘d7 11.♗f4 ♗f6 12.♕c2 ♕e7?** An inaccuracy that would allow a slight White advantage if either of us noticed it! **13.♖ac1?** 13. ♘g5! Forces 13□♗×g5; 14. ♗×b7, ♖ab8; 15. ♗×g5, ♕×g5; 16. ♗c6, ♕e7 (16□♘f6; 17. f4, ♕g6; 18. ♕×g6, h×g6; 19.e4 with advantage to White), 17. e4 is slightly better for White (17□e5 loses a pawn after 18. ♗×d7, ♕×d7; 19. d×e5). **a5 14.h4?** The line beginning with 14. ♘g5! is still good for White here. **g6 15.♗g5 ♗×g5 16.h×g5?** White is trying to drum up an attack on the h file and simultaneously prevent Black from pushing his Kingside pawns. This would be a good plan, except that the pawn on g5 becomes too weak. **♖ad8** Threatening to win the g-pawn after capturing the Knight on f3. **17.♕d2 ♗×f3 18.♗×f3 e5! 19.♕e3 ♖fe8 20.♔g2 e×d4 21.♕×e7 ♖×e7 22.♖×d4 ♖e5** Black has played solid moves to take advantage of the weak g-pawn, mobilizing all of his pieces to now stand better due to the awkward defense of the g5 pawn required of the White ♖ on g4. **23.♖g4 ♘c5 24.♖d1 ♔g7 25.e3 ♖de8 26.♗d5 ♘e6 27.e4?** 27. ♗×e6 needed to be played, accepting a slightly inferior double rook ending after 27...♖(e8)×e6; 28. ♖1d4. **♘d8!** An attacking move via retreat! Now Black will trap the White ♗ after a timely c6. **28.f4 ♖5e7 29.f5 ♖e5** Not 29□c6 because of 30. f6+. **30.♖h1?** Played in time pressure, and the last major error by White. 30. f6+, ♔g8;

[27.♖×d7 ♖×d7 28.♕a4] **27...♖×d4 28.♘×d4 ♗f6 29.♘b3** Another miserable move which, this time, had to be played. **29...♖d5** After this move, I had about 4.5 minutes for my next move. Between wallowing in my despair at losing my second game and eliminating myself from championship contention and contemplating how many ways Black would win after I played 30 g4, I simply lost track of the time until mine expired. It was perhaps a merciful end to a miserable game, and I had a couple hours to spend with my family for a good meal at Bob's Your Uncle. **0–1**

Comments from Bob Keating:

This was my fourth time playing in the Iowa Closed Championship, having competed in the previous 3 years. I entered this event as the highest seed, a full rating class above the rest of the field. My pretournament expected score was almost 4 / 5 (3.85 to be exact), and my opponents' expected scores were all less than 3 / 5 (the highest being 2.69). Therefore, one could conclude that I had a pretty good chance to repeat as Iowa's chess champion. Well, the tournament turned out to be a complete disaster for me, resulting in the steepest rating decline I've ever had in almost 80 tournaments. After the first 2 rounds, I was out of contention with a score of 0 / 2. Round 3 should have been another loss, but my opponent conceded a draw in extreme time pressure. In the 4th round, I lost to the lowest seed of the tournament, who was destined to be one of the 3 co-champions and probably the only player who should be completely satisfied with his score. Finally, in the last round I was able to eke out a win against the only player who did worse than me. I've annotated all my games with appropriate criticism for my poor play (Ed.-Sorry, but I was unable to fit your Game 1 and Game 4 annotations). Obviously, my last round game is the lone bright spot for me in this collection.

Annotations by Bob Keating

Gatica,J (2044) - Keating,R (2230) [A16]
IA Closed Chp. Iowa City, IA (3), 28.04.2012
1.c4 g6 2.g3 ♗g7 3.♗g2 ♘f6 4.♘c3 0–0 5.d3 This was similar to the game Jose and I played at the 2011 Iowa Open. I played a system with a5 and c5 and ultimately won the game in the ending but Jose had achieved a slightly superior position in the middlegame. **5...d6 6.♗g5** Jose was the first to deviate from our previous game. This move is not too common. Its main purpose seems to be to provoke Black into weakening his king position. **6...h6 7.♗d2 c6** Instead of c5 and a5, I opted for c6 and e5. My idea will be to play for the advance of my f-pawn in the hopes of achieving a kingside attack. **8.e4 e5 9.♘ge2 ♘a6** Although somewhat out of play, this knight can go to c5 or b4 and harass the ♗d3 or it can go to c7 and support the push d6-d5. **10.h3 ♗e6 11.0–0 ♘d7** getting out of the way of my f-pawn. [11...♘c7 12.f4; 11...d5 12.e×d5 c×d5 13.d4 d×c4 14.d×e5 ♘d7 15.♗×b7 ♘×e5] **12.♗e3 f5** One thing to note about this plan against White's fianchetto lines is that it usually doesn't work. Black would have done better to focus play on the queenside, keeping the center closed and excluding White's ♗g2 from play. **13.♕d2 ♔h7 14.b3 ♘dc5 15.e×f5 g×f5?** With his knights unable to participate, Black's kingside aggression is going to go nowhere. It would have been a bit better to capture on f5 with the bishop, even though that is atypical for these types of positions. [15...♗×f5 16.d4 e×d4 17.♘×d4 ♕a5 18.h4 h5] **16.d4 e×d4** [16...f4!? 17.♗xf4 *(17.gxf4 exd4)* 17...e×f4 18.♘×f4 ♕f6 19.d×c5 ♕×c3 20.♕×c3 ♗×c3 21.♘×e6 ♖f6 22.♖ac1] **17.♗×d4** Clearly, the opening of lines has been better for White. White's king is very safe, and Black's best defensive pieces are on the wrong side of the board. **17...♕g5 18.♗e3 ♕e7 19.♖ad1 ♖fd8** As much as I wanted to get my queenside pieces into play, I had to also worry about leaving my ♙a7 unguarded. **20.♗d4 ♗f7 21.♗×g7** White liked this capture, and I didn't mind it so much either since I would not have to worry so much about my a7 pawn. **21...♔×g7 22.♘d4** Now, Black's new worry will be his weak f-pawn (in addition to d6, a7, and his weak king). **22...♕f6 23.♕f4 ♗g6 24.♖d2 ♘c7** [24...♖e8!? 25.♖fd1 ♖ad8 26.h4 ♘e6 27.♘×e6+ ♖×e6 28.♘e2 ♘c5 29.b4 ♘e4 30.♖d3 ♖de8 31.♘d4] **25.♖fd1 ♘5e6 26.♘×e6+ ♘×e6 27.♕f3** Having gotten my knights into the game, I felt I may just be able to hold the position. Unfortunately, the best plan I could come up with was ♘e8. **27...♘c7?** [27...♘g5! 28.♕e3 ♗h5 29.f4 ♖e8 30.f×g5 h×g5 31.♕d3 ♗×d1 32.♘×d1 ♖e1+ 33.♔h2 ♖ae8=] **28.♘e2 ♘e8 29.♘f4** Black must remain aware of the possibility of ♘h5, forking his king and queen. **29...♗f7 30.♖e1 ♖d7 31.♖de2** [31.♖e6! This will win the game quickly since the rook cannot be taken. 31...♕a1+ 32.♖d1 ♕b2 33.♘h5+ ♔g8 34.♖×h6] **31...♘c7 32.h4 ♖e8 33.♗h3** [33.♖×e8 ♘×e8 34.♕e3 a6] **33...♖e5** This is to get the ♘f4 to move back. [33...♖×e2 34.♕×e2 d5 35.♕c2 d×c4 36.b×c4 ♖d4 37.♗×f5] **34.♘d3 ♖×e2 35.♖×e2 ♘e6** Black gives up a pawn to gain some activity. Otherwise, passive defense seemed hopeless. [35...♗g6 36.♘f4 ♗f7 *(36...♗h7 37.♘h5+)* 37.♕d3 ♗g6 38.♘×g6 ♔×g6 39.h5+ ♔g7 *(39...♔g5 40.f4+ ♔×h5 41.♕×f5+ ♕×f5*

Karlow,N (2113) - Holmes,D (1821) [A07]
TNT Davenport, IA (USA) (1), 24.03.2012
1.♘f3 d5 2.g3 ♘f6 3.♗g2 ♗f5 4.0–0 ♘bd7 5.c4 e6 6.c×d5 ♘×d5 7.d3 ♗g6 8.e4 ♘5b6 9.♘c3 ♗e7 10.d4 0–0 11.♗f4 c6 12.♖c1 ♘f6 13.♘e5 ♘bd7 14.♘×g6 h×g6 15.d5 e5 16.♗e3 ♗b4 17.♕b3 ♗×c3 18.♖×c3 ♘g4 19.d×c6 ♘×e3 20.c×b7 ♖b8 21.f×e3 ♘b6 22.a4 a5 23.♖d1 ♕f6 24.♖c7 ♖fd8 25.♖f1 1–0

Rector,R (1515) - Weatherspoon,K (1979) [A02]
TNT Davenport, IA (USA) (1), 24.03.2012
1.f4 e6 2.♘f3 d5 3.e3 c5 4.d4 ♘c6 5.♗e2 ♘f6 6.0–0 ♗d6 7.c3 0–0 8.♕c2 ♖b8 9.♘e5 ♘e4 10.♘d2 ♘×d2 11.♗×d2 f6 12.♘f3 e5 13.f×e5 f×e5 14.e4 e×d4 15.e×d5 ♗f5 16.♗d3 ♗×d3 17.♕×d3 ♘e5 18.♘×e5 ♗×e5 19.♕c4 ♕d6 20.c×d4 ♗×d4+ 21.♔h1 ♖bd8 22.♖×f8+ ♖×f8 23.♖e1 ♖d8 24.♕b5 ♕d7 25.d6 ♕×b5 0–1

Dutiel,T (1845) - Karlow,N (2113) [B22]
TNT Davenport, IA (USA) (2), 24.03.2012
1.e4 c5 2.c3 ♘f6 3.e5 ♘d5 4.d4 c×d4 5.c×d4 e6 6.♘c3 ♘×c3 7.b×c3 d6 8.♘f3 ♘c6 9.e×d6 ♗×d6 10.♗d3 ♕a5 11.♗d2 ♗d7 12.0–0 ♕h5 13.♖e1 0–0–0 14.♖b1 g5 15.♗×g5 ♗×h2+ 16.♘×h2 ♕×g5 17.♖b5 e5 18.♘f3 ♕g7 19.♕b1 ♖hg8 20.g3 ♕f6 21.♗e4 ♖g4 22.♖×b7 ♖×e4 23.♖×e4 ♕×f3 24.♖e3 ♕d5 25.♖b5 ♕d6 26.d5 ♘e7 27.♖a5 ♗f5 28.♕b3 ♖d7 29.c4 f6 30.♕a3 ♕×a3 31.♖e×a3 ♔b8 32.♖b3+ ♖b7 33.♖ab5 ♖×b5 34.♖×b5+ ♔c7 35.♖a5 ♘c8 36.♖a6 ♗b1 37.♖×f6 ♗×a2 38.♖h6 ♗b1 39.♖e6 ♗a2 40.♔g2 ♔d7 41.♖×e5 ♗×c4 42.♔f3 a5 43.d6 a4 44.♖a5 ♗b3 45.♖a6 ♘×d6 46.♖a7+ ♔e6 47.♖×h7 a3 48.♖a7 a2 49.♔e2 ♘c4 50.♔d3 ♘b2+ 51.♔c3 ♘a4+ 52.♖×a4 ♗×a4 53.♔b2 ½–½

Ferguson,W (2010) - Gatica,J (2034) [B33]
TNT Davenport, IA (USA) (2), 24.03.2012
1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.d4 c×d4 4.♘×d4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 e5 6.♘db5 d6 7.♗g5 a6 8.♘a3 b5 9.♘d5 ♗e7 10.♗×f6 ♗×f6 11.c3 ♗g5 12.♘c2 0–0 13.♗d3 ♘e7 14.♘×e7+ ♕×e7 15.a4 ♗b7 16.0–0 g6 17.a×b5 a×b5 18.♕e2 f5 19.e×f5 g×f5 20.♗×b5 f4 21.f3 d5 22.♘b4 e4 23.♖ad1 ♖ad8 24.♔h1 ♔h8 25.♗c6 ♖f5 26.f×e4 ♖e5 27.♕b5 ♗×c6 28.♘×c6 ♕d7 29.c4 1–0

Weatherspoon,K (1979) - Gradsky,B (2095) [B98]
TNT Davenport, IA (USA) (2), 24.03.2012
1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 c×d4 4.♘×d4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 a6 6.♗g5 e6 7.f4 ♗e7 8.♕f3 ♕c7 9.0–0–0 h6 10.♗×f6 g×f6 11.f5 ♘c6 12.f×e6 f×e6 13.♕h5+ ♔f8 14.♘f3 ♗d7 15.♗d3 ♗e8 16.♕h3 ♗f7 17.♖hf1 b5 18.♔b1 ♖c8 19.♖f2 ♘b4 20.♖df1 ♕c5 21.e5 ♘×d3 22.c×d3 ♕e3 23.e×f6 ♕×d3+ 24.♔a1 ♗d8 25.♕h4 ♖×c3 26.b×c3 ♕×c3+ 27.♔b1 ♗g6+ 0–1

Gaul,T (1861) - Weatherspoon,K (1979) [A05]
TNT Davenport, IA (USA) (3), 24.03.2012
1.♘f3 ♘f6 2.b3 e6 3.♗b2 d5 4.e3 ♗c5 5.♗b5+ ♗d7 6.♕e2 a6 7.♗×d7+ ♘b×d7 8.♘e5 ♘×e5 9.♗×e5 ♗d6 10.♗b2 0–0 11.d3 ♕e7 12.♘d2 e5 13.♘f1 e4 14.♘g3 ♗e5 15.♗×e5 ♕×e5 16.0–0 ♖fe8 17.d×e4 d×e4 18.♖ad1 ♘d5 19.♕h5 ♕×h5 20.♘×h5 ♖ad8 21.♘g3 ♘c3 22.♖a1 ♖d2 23.a3 ♖ed8 24.♖ac1 g6 25.f3 e×f3 26.♖×f3 ♘e2+ 27.♘×e2 ♖×e2 28.♖cf1 ♖dd2 29.♖1f2 ♖e1+ 30.♖f1 ♖×f1+ 31.♔×f1 ♖×c2 32.e4 ♖b2 33.♖c3 b6 34.h4 h5 35.♔g1 ♔f8 36.♔h2 ♖e2 0–1

Gradsky,B (2095) - Ferguson,W (2010) [D87]
TNT Davenport, IA (USA) (3), 24.03.2012
1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 g6 3.♘c3 d5 4.c×d5 ♘×d5 5.e4 ♘×c3 6.b×c3 ♗g7 7.♗c4 0–0 8.♘e2 c5 9.♗e3 ♕c7 10.♖c1 a6 11.0–0 b6 12.♘f4 ♗b7 13.♘d5 ♗×d5 14.♗×d5 ♖a7 15.d×c5 b×c5 16.♕a4 e6 ½–½

Liatti,M (1900) - Karlow,N (2113) [B21]
TNT Davenport, IA (USA) (3), 24.03.2012
1.e4 c5 2.d4 c×d4 3.♕×d4 ♘c6 4.♕e3 e6 5.♘c3 ♘f6 6.♗c4 ♗e7 7.♘f3 d5 8.♗b5 0–0 9.♕e2 ♘×e4 10.♘×e4 d×e4 11.♗×c6 b×c6 12.♕×e4 ♕d5 13.♕e2 a5 14.c4 ♗b4+ 15.♗d2 ♗×d2+ 16.♘×d2 ♕×g2 17.♕e4 ♕×e4+ 18.♘×e4 ♗a6 19.c5 ♖ab8 20.b3 a4 21.♖g1 ♖b5 22.b×a4 ♖b2 23.0–0–0 ♖×a2 24.♘c3 ♖×f2 25.♖d6 ♖×h2 26.♖gd1 ♗c4 27.♖×c6 g5 28.♖cd6 ♗b3 29.♖1d3 ♗c2 30.♖d2 ♖×d2 31.♔×d2 ♗f5 32.c6 ♖c8 33.♘b5 ♔f8 34.♔e3 e5 35.a5 ♔e7 36.a6 ♖a8 37.a7 ♖×a7 38.♖d5 ♖a1 39.♖×e5+ ♗e6 40.♖×g5 ♖c1 41.♘d4 ♔f6 42.♘×e6 f×e6 43.♖h5 ♔g6 44.♖e5 ♖×c6 45.♖a5 h5 46.♔f4 ♖d6 47.♖g5+ ♔h6 48.♖g8 ♖d5 49.♖e8 ♖f5+ 50.♔e4 ♖f6 51.♔e5 ♖g6 52.♖a8 ♔g5 53.♖a1 h4 54.♖g1+ ♔h5 55.♖h1 ♖g2 56.♔f4 e5+ 57.♔f3 ♖g3+ 58.♔e4 ♔g4 59.♔×e5 ♖g2 60.♔e4 h3 61.♔e3 ♔g3 62.♖f1 h2 63.♖f3+ ♔g4 64.♖f4+ ♔g5 65.♖f8 h1♕ 66.♖g8+ ♔f6 0–1

Ferguson,W (2010) - Dutiel,T (1845) [C54]
TNT Davenport, IA (USA) (4), 25.03.2012
1.e4 e5 2.♗c4 ♘c6 3.♘f3 ♗c5 4.d3 ♘f6 5.c3 0–0 6.0–0 d5 7.e×d5 ♘×d5 8.b4 ♗e7 9.♖e1 ♗f6 10.♗e3 ♘c×b4 11.c×b4 ♘×e3 12.f×e3 e4 13.d4 e×f3 14.g×f3 ♖e8 15.♔h1 ♕e7 16.a3 a5 17.b5 ♗e6 18.♗×e6 ♕×e6 19.♘c3 ♖ad8 20.♘e4 ♗h4 21.♖e2 ♕d5 22.a4 ♖×e4 23.f×e4 ♕×e4+ 24.♖g2 ♕×e3 25.♖e2 ♕f3+ 26.♔g1 ♕g4+ 27.♔h1 ♕f3+ ½–½

Karlow,N (2113) - Gradsky,B (2095) [A08]
TNT Davenport, IA (USA) (4), 25.03.2012
1.♘f3 d5 2.g3 g6 3.♗g2 ♗g7 4.0–0 ♘f6 5.d3 c5 6.♘bd2 ♘c6 7.e4 0–0 8.♖e1 d×e4 9.d×e4 ♗g4 10.e5 ♘d5 11.h3 ♗f5 12.g4 ♗e6 13.♘e4 ♕b6 14.♘eg5 ♖ad8 15.♕e2 ♘c7 16.b3 ♗d5 17.♗b2 ♗h6 18.♖ad1 ♘d4 19.♗×d4 c×d4 20.♖d3 f6 21.♘e4 ♘e6 22.♕d1 f×e5 23.♘×e5 ♘f4 24.♖×d4 ♗×e4 25.♘d7 ♖×d7 26.♖×d7 ♘×h3+ 27.♔h2 ♘×f2 28.♕e2 ♗f4+ 0–1

Weatherspoon,K (1979) - Gatica,J (2034) [B30]
TNT Davenport, IA (USA) (4), 25.03.2012
1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗b5 e6 4.0–0 ♘ge7 5.c3 a6 6.♗a4 b5 7.♗c2 d5 8.e5 d4 9.♘e4 ♗b7 10.c×d4 c×d4 11.d3 ♕c7 12.♖e1 ♘g6 13.♘bd2 ♗c5 14.h4 ♖b8 15.♘b3 ♘c×e5 16.♘×e5 ♘×e5 17.♗f4 ♗d6 18.♖c1 ♘c6 19.♗×d6 ♕×d6 20.♘c5 ♗a8 21.♘×e6 ♖b6 22.♘c5 0–0 23.a3 ♘e7 24.♗×a8 ♖×a8 25.♕f3 ♖f8 26.♘e4 ♕d8 27.♖c5 ♘d5 28.g3 ♘f6 29.♘×f6+ ♕×f6 30.♕×f6 g×f6 ½–½

Dutiel,T (1845) - Gradsky,B (2095) [C01]
TNT Davenport, IA (USA) (5), 25.03.2012
1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e×d5 e×d5 4.c4 ♗b4+ 5.♘c3 ♕e7+ 6.♕e2 ♘c6 7.♕×e7+ ♘g×e7 8.♗e3 ♗e6 9.c5 ♘f5 10.♘f3 0–0 11.♗d3 ♘×e3 12.f×e3 ♖ae8 13.0–0 ♗×c3 14.b×c3 ♘a5 15.♖ab1 b6 16.c×b6 c×b6 17.♖fc1 ½–½

Gatica,J (2034) - Wilkins,J (1843) [A25]
TNT Davenport, IA (USA) (5), 25.03.2012
1.c4 e5 2.g3 ♘f6 3.♗g2 ♘c6 4.♘c3 ♗c5 5.a3 a5 6.e3 0–0 7.♘ge2 d6 8.0–0 ♗f5 9.d4 ♗a7 10.d5 ♘b8 11.b4 ♘bd7 12.♘b5 ♗b6 13.♗b2 ♖e8 14.♘ec3 ♘f8 15.♕d2 ♗d7 16.♖fc1 ♗×b5 17.♘×b5 ♘8d7 18.♕d3 a×b4 19.a×b4 ♖×a1 20.♖×a1 ♘b8 21.♖c1 ♘a6 22.♗a3 ♘d7 23.e4 ♖f8 24.♗h3 f5 25.♗×f5 ♗×f2+ 26.♔×f2 g6 27.♔g2 g×f5 28.e×f5 ♕g5 29.♖f1 ♕g4 30.h3 ♕g5 31.♗c1 ♕e7 32.♕d2 ♔h8 33.g4 ♘b6 34.♕c3 ♕d7 35.♘a3 ♕f7 36.♗h6 ♖a8 37.♕d2 ♘b8 38.♕g5 ♘8d7 39.f6 ♕g6 40.♕×g6 h×g6 41.♘b5 ♘×c4 42.♘×c7 ♖c8 43.♘e6 ♔h7 44.♗g5 e4 45.f7 ♘f8 46.♘×f8+ ♖×f8 47.♗e7 ♔g7 48.♗×f8+ ♔×f8 49.♖f4 ♘e3+ 50.♔g3 ♘×d5 51.♖×e4 ♔×f7 52.h4 ♘e7 53.g5 ♘d5 54.♔g4 b5 55.h5 g×h5+ 56.♔×h5 ♔g7 57.♖d4 1–0

Gaul,T (1861) - Holmes,D (1821) [A01]
TNT Davenport, IA (USA) (5), 25.03.2012
1.b3 e5 2.♗b2 d6 3.e3 ♘f6 4.♘c3 ♗e7 5.♗e2 0–0 6.d4 e4 7.♕d2 d5 8.f3 ♗f5 9.f×e4 ♘×e4 10.♘×e4 ♗×e4 11.♗f3 f5 12.0–0–0 a5 13.♘h3 a4 14.b4 a3 15.♗a1 ♖a4 16.♗×e4 d×e4 17.c3 ♕d5 18.♕c2 b5 19.♘f4 ♕d7 20.♕b3+ ♔h8 21.h3 ♘a6 22.g4 ♘×b4 23.c×b4 ♖×b4 24.♕e6 ♖c4+ 25.♔d2 ♗b4+ 26.♔e2 ♖c2+ 27.♔f1 ♕d8 28.d5 ♕h4 29.♗×g7+ ♔×g7 30.♘h5+ ♔h8 31.♕e5+ ♖f6 0–1

Karlow,N (2113) - Ferguson,W (2010) [D02]
TNT Davenport, IA (USA) (5), 25.03.2012
1.♘f3 d5 2.g3 ♘c6 3.d4 g6 4.♗g2 ♗g7 5.0–0 ♗g4 6.c3 ♕d7 7.b4 a6 8.♗f4 h6 9.♘bd2 g5 10.♗e3 ♗h3 11.a4 ♗×g2 12.♔×g2 e6 13.♘b3 b6 14.a5 b5 15.♘c5 ♕c8 16.h4 f6 17.h×g5 h×g5 18.♖h1 ♘h6 19.♕d3 ♘e7 20.♗×g5 ♔f7 21.♗×h6 ♗×h6 22.♖h3 ♕g8 23.♖ah1 ♗g7 24.♕e3 e5 25.d×e5 ♖×h3 26.e6+ ♔e8 27.♖×h3 c6 28.♘d4 ♔d8 29.♕f4 ♔e8 30.♘d7 f5 31.♘×f5 ♘×f5 32.♕×f5 ♗×c3 33.♘f6+ ♗×f6 34.♕×f6 ♖d8 35.♖h8 ♕×h8 36.♕×h8+ ♔e7 37.♕h4+ 1–0

Never confuse movement with action. Ernest Hemmingway

"To climb steep hills requires slow pace at first." William Shakespeare

Your attitude, not your aptitude, will determine your altitude. Zig Ziglar

I believe that Chess possesses a magic that is also a help in advanced age. A rheumatic knee is forgotten during a game of Chess and other events can seem quite unimportant in comparison with a catastrophe on the chessboard
(Vlastimil Hort)

No Chess Grandmaster is normal; they only differ in the extent of their madness
(Viktor Korchnoi)

better), ♖×a2; 39. ♔b1, ♖a5 and Black is still fighting. Maybe lines like this are why nobody plays the immediate 11...b4, but it sure makes for an interesting game! White's 16. ♕h4 appears to be insufficient to pose serious problems for Black, who soon begins a counter attack with the extra piece. **♘c5 17.♘×g7 ♖×g7 18.♗×f6 ♗×f6 19.♕×f6 ♗g4 20.♖d2 ♘×d3+ 21.♖×d3 ♖c8 22.♖d2 ♔g8!** Frees the ♖ and ♔ (from mate threats), and now the ♖ can join an attack. **23.♔b1 ♖g6 24.♕d4 ♗f5 25.♕f2 ♕c5 26.♕e2 a5 27.h3 ♖g3!** Posting the ♖ for attack and preventing White's bid for counter-play with g4. **28.♔a1 a4 29.♕h5 ♗×c2 30.♕h4 ♗g6** Threatening mate on c1 that proves to be unstoppable. **31.♖dd1 ♖×g2 32.♕f6 ♖c2 0–1**

Annotations by Bob Keating

Keating,R (2230) - Tyagi,K (2073) [B19]
IA Closed Chp. Iowa City, IA (2), 28.04.2012
My first round loss took a lot out of me. It was a long and grueling effort, and losing an ending that I felt I should have drawn was very deflating. Unfortunately, my feelings of dejection carried over into this game, and my play was quite listless. **1.e4 c6** I had seen one previous game where Kushan played the Caro-Kann. In all the others, he played Sicilians. I was a bit surprised but wondered if he may have prepared a variation similar to the one Matt Anzis used against me in last year's IA Closed. **2.d4 d5 3.♘c3 d×e4 4.♘×e4 ♗f5 5.♘g3 ♗g6 6.h4 h6 7.♘f3 ♘d7 8.h5 ♗h7 9.♗d3 ♗×d3 10.♕×d3 e6** This was also Matt's choice in our previous game. **11.♗f4** Normally, I would play 11.♗d2, but I had learned that ♗f4 is the main line, preventing ♕c7 and ♗d6. Unfortunately, I learned little else about this variation and may have been better off going with ♗d2. **11...♕a5+ 12.♗d2 ♗b4** I expected 12...♕c7. Now, I was out of my opening book and simply lost the thread of the game. [12...♕c7 13.0–0–0 ♘gf6 14.♘e4 0–0–0 15.g3 ♘×e4 16.♕×e4 ♗d6 17.c4 c5 18.♗c3 ♘f6 19.♕e2 c×d4 20.♘×d4 a6 21.♔b1] **13.c3 ♗e7 14.♗f4??** This is really stupid and turns out to be just the beginning of a series of bad choices on my part. The logic of the move is something along the line of preventing ♕c7 or ♗d6; however, Black has no intention of playing those moves unless forced. Meanwhile, Black will gain tempo against the bishop by playing ♘f6-d5. Also, White will constantly have to worry about his ♗h5, which sticks out like a sore thumb, as long as he allows the Black queen to remain on the 5th rank. [14.c4 drives the game back into more "normal" positions. 14...♕c7 15.0–0–0 ♘gf6 16.♔b1 0–0] **14...♘gf6 15.♕e2** Having missed my chance to kick Black's queen off the 5th rank, I played this move with the idea to follow with ♘d2, protecting h5 so I could castle kingside. White would rather castle queenside and advance his g-pawn, but that simply won't be possible in this mess that I've gotten myself into. **15...0–0** I was really only calculating move to move in this game. Now, I saw the threats to my ♗f4, so my planned ♘d2 did not look so good. I also rejected ♘e5 for unclear reasons. **16.♗d2** [16.♘d2 ♘d5 17.♗e3; 16.♘e5 ♘d5 17.♘×d7 ♘×f4 18.♕e4 ♖fd8 19.♘e5 ♘d5 20.0–0] **16...c5 17.d×c5 ♕×c5** Now, 18.0–0–0 would have been playable, but I had concerns about the fact that I had no good defensive pieces (knights) over there and that I may fall victim to a Sicilian-style pawn assault when I was not prepared to attack on the kingside, myself. **18.♗e3 ♕c7 19.♘d2?** I finally started to see some relief from the pressure against h5, but at the cost of having to part with my bishop for a Black knight. Unfortunately, as the game simplified, any pawn weaknesses would become more important, and White is the only one with a pawn weakness. [19.♘d4] **19...♘d5 20.♘b3?** This is another bad choice, and now with both my knights on poor squares, the weakness on h5, my king without a home, and being about to concede my bishop to Black's knight, my position was truly pathetic. **20...♘×e3 21.♕×e3 ♗g5 22.♕e2 ♘f6 23.♘e4?!** All of Black's pieces are better than White's, so I thought it good to trade down some more. Unfortunately, this also favors Black, who will be able to use my h-pawn as a target. Note that White's advantage in pawns is on the queenside, but he is completely unable to make any safe advances there. Instead, playing ♖d1 or castling were probably better. **23...♘×e4 24.♕×e4 ♖fd8 25.0–0** White remains in bad shape. Black will be able to take over the d-file and occupy d5. He'll have the ability to attack h5 and make threats against White's king, especially on the b8-h2 diagonal. I was quite miserable contemplating my lack of prospects. I had no time to mobilize my queenside pawns. **25...♖d7** It was stronger to play 25...♖d5, but Black is in control and can afford to be conservative. **26.♖ad1 ♖ad8 27.♖d4?!**

d-pawn would have fallen **♕g7** I brought my Queen back for help, but did not see one move that was to come **35.f5** ♗c3 **36.f×g6+** the move I missed earlier was after I go ♕×g6, ♗e4 pins my Queen and it is protected by the Rook **♔h8** ♔g8 would have given me a shot draw chances, but I was rattled by the missed "♗e4" move that caused my win to be tossed out the window **37.♕×h5+ ♔g8 38.g×f7+ ♔f8 39.♖e8+**
1-0 Congrats Kushan!

Gatica,J (2044) - Farnoud,A (1892) [A26]
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1.c4 e5 2.g3 ♘c6 3.♗g2 g6 4.♘c3 ♗g7 5.e4 d6 6.d3 f5 7.♘ge2 ♘f6 8.0–0 0–0 9.h3 ♗e6 10.♘d5 ♕d7 11.♔h2 ♘d8 12.♘ec3 c6 13.♘×f6+ ♗×f6 14.b3 ♗f7 15.♗b2 ♘e6 16.♕d2 f4 17.♘e2 ♗g5 18.♕c2 c5 19.g4 a6 20.♘g1 h5 21.♗f3 ♔h7 22.♕e2 ♔h6 23.♖fb1 b5 24.♔g2 ♖fb8 25.♕c2 b4 26.a4 a5 27.♕e2 h4 28.♕c2 ½–½

Annotations by Jose Gatica:

Ferguson,W (2017) - Gatica,J (2044) [B33]
IA Closed Chp. Iowa City, IA (2), 28.04.2012
1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.d4 c×d4 4.♘×d4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 e5 6.♘db5 d6 7.♗g5 a6 8.♘a3 b5 9.♘d5 ♗e7 10.♗×f6 ♗×f6 11.c3 ♗g5 12.♘c2 0–0 13.♗d3 This unusual move was played by Ferguson against me just a couple of months before at the TNT FIDE Open in Davenport. I played ♘e7 and eventually lost, but my coach, Tim McEntee, found an improvement at this move. **13...♗e6 14.♘ce3 ♘e7 15.♘×e7+ ♕×e7 16.♕e2 g6 17.a4** At this point, the thought flashed through my head that if I took on a4 and he captured on a6 with his bishop, I could not take back on a6 and my a4 pawn was still hanging. I feared that I was losing a pawn, and that mere thought triggered a panic attack. My heart started pounding at thrice the normal rate, all I could hear was the beating of my heart, and I found that try as I might, I could not think more than one move ahead. **17...♗×e3** Played after 8 minutes of sheer panic - the only reason was I thought he had to take on e3 with his queen, after which his battery on my a6 pawn would be gone. **18.f×e3?!** Now white has long-term structural problems. **18...b×a4 19.0–0 ♗d7** Just before I played this I was finally getting over my panic attack and started actually planning again. My idea was to transfer the bishop to c6 to exert pressure on e4. By the time I played ♗d7 I had 33 minutes to get to move 30 whereas Ferguson had 54 - the panic attack cost me 30 minutes of time over the board. **20.♗×a6 ♗c6 21.♗d3 ♕b7 22.♕c2 ♖ab8 23.♖f2 ♕b6 24.♖e1** After this I realized that my queen had done about as much as she could do on the queenside and decided to transfer her to attack on the kingside. **24...♕d8 25.♗c4 ♕h4 26.♖ef1 ♖b7 27.♗d5 ♗×d5 28.e×d5 ♖fb8 29.c4 ♖×b2 30.♕×a4 ♖×f2 31.♖×f2 ♕e4 32.♖f3** At this point I was in the second time control and spent a considerable amount of time calculating the forcing variations, and realized that I was winning his rook, with checkmate soon to follow. **32...♖b1+ 33.♔f2 ♕h4+** ♖b2+ looked good, but the position was unclear to me after ♔g3 as his rook was attacking f7 and could help his queen in a counterattack, plus he could just move the king back to g1 instead. **34.♖g3** [34.♔e2 ♕e1+ 35.♔d3 ♖d1+ 36.♔e4 ♖d4# is a cute checkmate.] **34...♕×h2 35.♕e8+ ♔g7 36.♕d7 ♖b2+ 37.♔f3 e4+ 38.♔f4 ♖f2+ 0–1**

Annotations by Dan Vasto:

Farnoud,A (1892) - Vasto,D (2044) [B99]
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1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 c×d4 4.♘×d4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 a6 6.♗g5 e6 7.f4 ♗e7 8.♕f3 ♕c7 9.0–0–0 ♘bd7 10.♗d3 b5 11.♖he1 b4?! I searched through many, many games on Chessgames.com, but could not find where this move was ever played in the last 20 years of the games recorded there. Everyone played 11...♗b7. I had seen this move given a question mark somewhere. I had played this move against Minnesota master Frank Johnson in Okoboji (2011), and came very close to winning (although I lost). I thought I had improvement in what I had played against him, so I thought I would give this line another try. Looks like I have been fortunate that the refutation of 11...b4 is not well known or obvious. **12.♘d5 e×d5 13.e×d5 ♔f8** The disadvantage of not having played 11...♗b7 before provoking the Knight to d5 with b4 is clear here. Black has to move 13...♔f8 because 13...♔d8 loses to 14. ♘c6+. The question becomes whether the Black King can survive on the Kingside. **14.♘f5 ♗d8 15.♕g3** The thematic attacking move in this position. **♖g8!** Recalling that this was better than 15...♘h5?, as played against Johnson, took a long time! **16.♕h4?** White also took a long time on his reply. Expected was the immediate 16. ♘×g7!?, with the possible line of 16...♖×g7; 17. ♗h6, ♘h5; 18. ♕e3, ♘(7)f6; 19. h3, ♗e7; 20. g4, ♘×g4; 21. h×g4, ♗×g4; 22. ♖d2, f5!; 23. ♖h1, ♕d7; 24. ♖(2)h2, ♘f6; 25. ♕d4!, ♗d8; 26. ♕×b4, ♔g8; 27. ♗×g7, ♔×g7; 28. ♕d4, ♔g8; 29. ♖e1, ♕g7; 30. ♖e6, ♗e7, and maybe White is standing better after 31. ♖h1 with the idea of 32. ♖e1. Black can try 32...♔f7; 33. ♖(1)e1, ♗f8; and although 34. ♕b6 looks dangerous, Black has 34...♔g6; 35. ♗×a6, ♕a7!; 36. ♕×a7, ♖×a7; 37. ♗c4, ♖a4; 38. b3 (or maybe giving up the f-pawn with ♗b3 is

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Bartholomew, Dahl, Flores win 2012 Okoboji Championships

By Hank Anzis

The 6th Annual Okoboji Open started at 4pm Friday with a simultaneous exhibition by IM John Bartholomew, who won 5 of the 7 games, surrendering draws to NM Robert Plunkett (who met Bartholomew's 1.d4 with 1.h5!) and 1737-rated Kevin Gaustad. The Open's 3 day section had 5 masters (Matt Dahl, Okechukwu Iwu, Robert Plunkett, Tim McEntee, and Iowa champion Bob Keating) amongst the 11 players in Friday's 6pm first round. With no upsets, Saturday morning's second round of the 3 day section led to 2 master vs. master games. Iwu defeated Keating to join Dahl with a 2-0 score while Plunkett and McEntee drew. The 2 day section kicked off Saturday morning with IM John Bartholomew joined by former masters Dan Vasto, Jim Ellis, and Prasantha Amarasinghe on the top tables, all making it through the first round successfully. Of the four top players, only defending champion Bartholomew made a 2-0 score when he defeated Dan Vasto, while 3 time Iowa champion Dan Goffstein defeated Ellis and Tom Gaul pulled off a 284 point upset of Amarasinghe. The 3 were joined by expert Dan Mattson at 2-0.

On Saturday night, the sections merged for round 3 and the 6 players with 2-0 scores matched wits. Mattson and Iwu quickly drew while Bartholomew and Dahl scored victories over Goffstein and Gaul respectively, leaving them with the only 3-0 scores. Bartholomew and Dahl battled to a round 4 draw and were joined by Mattson when he upset McEntee to join the leaders at 3.5/4. In the final round, Dahl quickly solved Iwu's French defense while Bartholomew's game with Mattson was the last game to finish. Bartholomew forced a mate in 2 on the last move of the tournament to defeat Mattson and share the championship.

Bartholomew and Dahl each won $312 as their share of first place with Bartholomew taking the championship trophy on tiebreak. Plunkett, Goffstein, Amarasinghe, Mattson, and Jose Gatica shared the 3rd place and expert prizes with 3.5 points. Gaul, Kyler Weatherspoon, and John Baker had the top Class A scores (3.0), with Kevin Gaustad, Mark Derby, Arshaq Saleem, and Lynn Adams taking top Class B scores with 2 points each. Jeremy Pelletier's 2.5 points netted him the class C and under prize. As the top scoring Iowans, Goffstein and Gatica took the early lead in the 2012-2013 IASCA Grand Prix.

The Reserve section saw second seed Mike Trettel race to a 3-0 start, defeating top seed John Flores and fourth seed Sam Smith to take a full point lead over Bill Broich, Riaz Khan, and Flores. In round 4, Khan defeated Trettel and 2011 Jackson Open champion Flores topped Broich to set up a final round battle for the championship, which saw Flores defeat Khan to win the Reserve championship. Smith and 77 year-old Roger Hale tied for equal second with 3.5 points, with Tony Benetz taking the D prize. Alex Fuhs and Jeff Kollodge's 2 points were good for tops in Class E, while Mike Fuhs and James Muehlbach shared the Class F prize, also with 2 points.

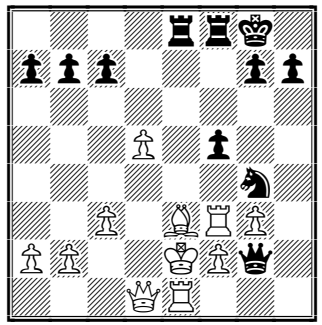
This year's championship trophies were named after 2011 Reserve champion Russ Swanson, who suddenly passed away from an aortic aneurysm last October. Russ, Mike Trettel, and Lynn Adams were traveling chess companions and best friends who were also regulars at the Okoboji Open. Before the final round, Adams offered $100 to the winner of the reserve championship for the trophy and upon winning the trophy, Flores donated the it to Adams who will present the trophy to Swanson's wife as a memento of the high esteem Russ was held in by his fellow chess players.

A scholastic tournament was held on Saturday and first place in each section was won South Dakota's Siverling siblings with 2nd grader Roland taking the K-4 trophy and 5th grader Emma winning the K-12 section.

Tournament organizer Jodene Kruse wishes to thank all the players for participating with a special thanks to Riaz Khan who brought 3 of the top 30 finishers at the previous weeks' National High School Championship in Minneapolis to play in the Open.

The tournament was directed by Hank Anzis, who would like to thank Bill Broich, Bob Keating, Jose Gatica, and Dan Vasto for spending the weekend at the Okoboji Open which meant 2 weekends of chess activities for them with the IASCA Closed Championships and meetings scheduled on the following weekend; and a special tip of the hat to John Flores who would not allow me to spend a dime on anything all weekend.

makes White's new need to defend more difficult. (The same move was used in the game against Ferguson!). **19.♗e3** This allows what follows, but alternatives do not seem to work well either. For example: 19. ♗d2, ♗c5; 20. ♘h1, ♕f5; 21. ♖f3, ♕×d5; 22. ♖g3, h5; 23.h3, ♖d8!; 24. h×g4, ♕×d2; 25. ♕×d2, ♖×d2; 26. g×h5, ♖×b2 should be good for Black. **♗×g3!** Suddenly White cannot defend the eventual attack of Black ♕ and ♘ on h2! The ♕ will now go to f5 to h5 to h2. **20.h×g3 ♕f5 21.♕d2 ♕h5 22.♖e1 ♕h2+ 23.♔f1 ♘e5 24.♖d4 ♕h1+ 25.♔e2 ♕×g2 26.♖f4 f5 27.♕d1** To be able to answer 27. ...g5, with 28. ♖g1, ♕×g1; 29. ♕×g1, g×f4; 30. g×f4+, ♘g4; and the position appears to be about equal after a move like 31. ♔d2 (For example, 31. ♔d2, ♖d8; 32 ♗d4!-threatening 33. f3). Black tries for more. **♘g4 28.♖f3**



♘×e3? Missing a very sweet win with 28♖f4!; 29. g×f4 (if 29. ♖g1, ♖×e3+ wins), ♖×f4!!; 30. ♖×f4, ♘×e3! If I had played this line, this game would have been my best game of the tournament! We now play a series of forcing moves, with Bob's 32. ♖g1! being a surprising resource that nearly equalizes the game. **29.♖×e3 ♖×e3+ 30.♔×e3 ♖d8 31.♕d4 ♖×d5 32.♖g1! f4+! 33.g×f4 ♕h3+ 34.♖g3 ♕e6+ 35.♕e4 ♕×e4+ 36.♔×e4 ♖d2 37.b4 ♖×a2 38.♖d3 ♖e2+ 39.♔f5 ♔f7 40.♖d7+ ♖e7 41.♖d8 c6 42.c4 g6+ 43.♔g5 ♔g7 44.f3 h6+ 45.♔g4 ♖f7 46.♖d6 h5+ 47.♔g3 ♔h6 48.♖d8 ♖c7 49.♖d6 c5 50.b5 ♔g7 51.♔h4 ♖f7 52.♔g3 b6 53.♖d8 ♖e7 54.♖d6 ♔f7 55.♔h4 ♖e3 56.♔g3?** White should continue with the purpose of his previous move-to attack with the King! Much better is 56. ♔g5, ♖c3; 57; ♖d7+, ♔e8; 58. ♖×a7, ♖×c4; 59. ♖b6; h4; 60. ♔×h4 (60. ♖h7 allows 60♖b4, and Black will get two connected passed pawns.) 60♖×f4+; 61. ♔g5, ♖×f3; 62. ♖×b6. c4; 63. ♖c6. ♖c3; 64. b6, ♖b3; 65. ♔×g6, c3; 66. ♔f6, c2; 67.♖×c2, ♖×b6+-draw. I guarantee that these rook endings with running pawns can drive you crazy! I analyzed dozens of variations to try to learn the truth of this position. When calculating the line after 56♖×f3 (instead of 56♖c3 in the above line), the clearest line I found so far has been: 55. ♔h4, ♖e3; 56. ♔g5, ♖×f3, 57.♖d7+, ♔e8; 58. ♖×a7, ♖g5+; 59. ♔f6, h4; 60. ♖e7+!, ♔d8; 61. ♖h7; ♖g4; 62. ♔d4, ♔e8!; 63. f5!, g×f5; 64. ♔×f5, ♖×c4; 65. ♔e6, ♔f8; 66. ♔d6!, ♖g4; 67. ♔c6, c4; (67♖g6+; 68. ♔d5, h3; 69. ♖×h3, ♔e7; 70. ♖h7+, ♔f6; 71. ♖c7, ♔f5; 72. ♖c6, ♖f6; 73.♖c8, ♖h6; 74. ♖c6, ♖f6; 75. ♖c8 repeats the position without progress.) 68. ♔×b6, c3; 69. ♖c7, ♖g3; 70. ♔a7, c2; 71. ♖×c2, ♖a6+; 72. ♔b8, ♔g7; 73. b7, ♔g6; 74. ♔c7, ♖b3; 75. b8-♕, ♖×b8; 76. ♔×b8, ♔g5; 77.♔c7, ♔g4; 78.♔d6, ♔g3; 79. ♔e5, h2; 80. ♖c1, ♔g2; 81. ♔f4, h1-♕ and draws. In another odd coincidence, I similarly blew a draw against Jose Gatica in the last round by retreating my King to f6 instead of playing it aggressively with 34♔d5! **♖a3!** Black having now found a perfect spot for the ♖ to both defend and attack, White's position collapses. **57.♖d7+** A waste of time, but other defenses would not be sufficient. For example: 57. ♖d1, ♔e6; 58. ♖e1+, ♔f5; 59. ♖e4, ♖c3; 60.♔f2, h4; 61. ♔g2, h3+; 62. ♔f2, h2: 63.♔g2, ♖-c2+; 64. ♔h1, ♖f2; 65. ♖e7, ♖×f3; 66. ♖×a7, ♖×f4 would win easily. **♔e6 58.♖g7 ♔f6 59.♖d7 ♖a4 60.♖d6+ ♔f7 61.♖d7+ ♔e6 62.♖g7 ♔f6 63.♖d7 ♖×c4 64.♖×a7 ♖b4 65.♖a8 ♖×b5 66.♔h4 c4 67.♖c8 ♖c5 0–1**

Annotated by Wes Ferguson:

Tyagi,K (2073) - Ferguson,W (2017) [E91]
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1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 g6 3.♘c3 ♗g7 4.♘f3 0-0 5.e4 d6 6.♗e2 ♘bd7 7.0-0 c5 I played ... c5 to get him out of the main material **8.d5 a6 9.a4** Kushan is still playing well and following book moves **♖b8 10.♗f4 ♘h5 11.♗g5 h6 12.♗e3 ♘b6 13.♘d2 ♘f6 14.f4 e6 15.h3 e×d5 16.c×d5 ♖e8** I feel the game is about equal **17.♗f3** I guess the threat of my next move was missed **♘b×d5 18.e×d5 ♖×e3 19.♘c4 ♖e7 20.a5 ♗f5 21.♖e1 h5 22.♕d2 ♕c7 23.♖×e7 ♕×e7 24.♖e1 ♕c7 25.♘e3 ♕d7 26.♘×f5 ♕×f5 27.♘e4 ♘×e4 28.♖×e4 ♕f6** at this point I loved my position and got a little too over confident **29.b4 ♕a1+ 30.♔h2 ♗c3 31.♕f2 ♗×b4** after I made this move I realized my Bishop was better on d4 **32.♕g3** I thought my Queen had the long diagonal covered for a good defense and being up a few pawns would serve me well **♔h7 33.♕g5 ♗×a5?** here's where I should have moved my King to g7 so my Queen could retreat to f6 to stop the counter play) **34.♖e7** ♕e7 would have caused me a head ache as the

Farnoud! Gatica! and Vasto! 3 Way Tie for State Championship

By Mark Capron

The 2012 Championship of Iowa was shared by Amir Farnoud, Jose Gatica and Dan Vasto each scoring 3.5 points. Last year's champion and pre-tournament favorite, Bob Keating, never really found his footing in the tournament. Dan Vasto started things off by upsetting Bob in a Petroff that most likely went away from Bob's preparation. Kushan also started things off on a positive note by winning verses Wes. Jose and Amir ended in a draw. In round 2 Dan kept on the plus side of things by defeating Amir. Kushan kept even with Dan by knocking off Bob. Jose joined the winners circle with his win over Wes. Round 3 was an interesting round as it was all draws except Amir's upset of Wes. Jose had a good position late into the evening against Bob, but as time windled down Bob found a save and scored his first half point. Round 4 really had something to say when Amir defeated Bob, Dan defeated Wes, and Jose and Kushan drew. This left Dan with 3.5, Kushan with 3, Jose and Amir with 2.5. Dan just needed a draw to secure a tie for 1st and a win would secure sole possession of title. All the others needed to win and get some help. Amir played the spoiler against Kushan which meant that all Dan needed now was a draw for the title. Jose would have none of that and he pressed on and finally won to force a 3-way tie. It was a really fun tournament and it was nice to see how happy Jose and Amir were. I think Dan was happy too, but ...

#	Player	Pre	Post	1	2	3	4	5	T
1	Vasto, Daniel	2044*	2066*	W5	W3	D4	W6	L2	3.5
2	Gatica, Jose M	2044*	2066*	D3	W6	D5	D4	W1	3.5
3	Farnoud, Amir	1892*	1964*	D2	L1	W6	W5	W4	3.5
4	Tyagi, Kushan	2073*	2079*	W6	W5	D1	D2	L3	3.0
5	Keating, Robert F	2230*	2196*	L1	L4	D2	L3	W6	1.5
6	Ferguson, Wesley	2017*	1981*	L4	L2	L3	L1	L5	0.0

One long standing tradition we have had has been to have each of the competitors contribute at least one annotated game from this tournament. Thank you to each of you who contributed.

Annotated by Dan Vasto:

Keating,R (2230) - Vasto,D (2044) [C42]

IA Closed Chp. Iowa City, IA (1), 28.04.2012

1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘f6 I decided before the game that it would be a good surprise to not play a Sicilian (my most usual defense) against Bob. The Petroff is always a very tough nut to crack, so I thought this would give him a difficult time. It turned into "déjà vu all over again" (attributed to Yogi Berra). There was an almost identical occurrence the last time I tied for first in the Iowa championship of 2004, when I defended with a Petroff versus Wes Ferguson. I was lucky both times. In at least equal positions, both of my opponents underestimated the possibilities for a Black kingside attack. The difference here is that I let the winning attack slip through my fingers, and Bob could have quite probably drawn the endgame after resourcefully repelling the attack. **3.♘×e5 d6** "The book" seems to prefer playing the pawn to d5, but I could not see why at the time. The book implies that d6 allows White more space, which White does get in this game after eventually playing d5. **4.♘f3 ♘×e4 5.d4 ♗e7 6.♗d3 ♘f6 7.0–0 0–0 8.♖e1** The book also seems to prefer h3, not allowing ♗g4. **♗g4** So, this must be a good move? Then why did I later see a need to move the ♗ to f5? **9.♘bd2 ♘c6 10.c3 ♕d7 11.♘f1 ♗f5** Seems like an error because it allows White to eventually win a pawn, although Black gets some compensation. **12.d5!?** A clever move, but the win of the pawn may not be the best practical choice. The point is that if Black takes the d5 pawn with 12♘×d5, then simply 13. ♗×f5, ♕×f5; 14. ♘g3 and the ♕ must withdraw protection of the ♘ on d5, losing that piece. **♘e5** Forced to avoid the loss of the ♗ on e7. For example, 12♘d8; 13. ♗×f5, ♕×f5; 14. ♖×e7. **13.♘×e5 d×e5 14.♗×f5 ♕×f5 15.♘g3 ♕d7 16.♖×e5 ♗d6 17.♖e3 ♖ae8 18.♖d3** A passive move, but Black's piece activity is becoming more obvious in any case. After a move to protect the d5 pawn like 18. c4, Black still has 18♘g4! For example: 18. c4, ♘g4; 19. ♖×e8, ♖×e8; 20. h3?, ♘×f2!; 21. ♔×f2, ♕e7!; 22.♗d2, ♕h4; 23. ♕g4, ♗×g3+; 24. ♕×g3, ♖e2+, winning. **♘g4!** An attacking move that

Gaustad,K - Keating,R [B06] (1), 20.04.2012

1.e4 g6 2.d4 ♗g7 3.♘c3 d6 4.♘f3 a6 5.♗c4 e6 6.0–0 b5 7.♗d3 ♘d7 8.♗g5 ♘e7 9.♘e2 ♗b7 10.♘g3 h6 11.♗e3 c5 12.c4 b×c4 13.♗×c4 d5 14.e×d5 ♗×d5 15.♗×d5 ♘×d5 16.♕d2 ♘×e3 17.f×e3 c×d4 18.♘×d4 ♘e5 19.♕b4 ♖b8 20.♕a4+ ♕d7 21.♕×a6 0–0 22.♕e2 h5 23.♘e4 ♘g4 24.♖fd1 ♕b7 25.h3 ♕×e4 26.h×g4 h×g4 27.♕d3 ♕d5 28.b3 ♖fd8 29.♕c4 ♕h5 30.♖ac1 ♗×d4 31.♖×d4 ♖×d4 32.e×d4 g3 33.♕c6 ♖d8 34.♖e1 ♖×d4 35.♕c8+ ♔g7 36.♕c3 ♕h2+ 0–1

Vasto,D - Waters,G [B54] (1), 21.04.2012

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 c×d4 4.♘×d4 e5 5.♘f3 ♘f6 6.♘c3 a6 7.♗c4 b5 8.♗b3 ♗b7 9.♘g5 d5 10.e×d5 h6 11.♘ge4 ♗b4 12.♘×f6+ ♕×f6 13.♗d2 0–0 14.0–0 ♘d7 15.♘e4 ♕e7 16.♗×b4 ♕×b4 17.♕g4 ♔h8 18.♕×d7 ♗c8 19.♕d6 ♕×d6 20.♘×d6 ♗d7 21.c4 ♖ab8 22.c5 1–0

Mc Entee,T - Waters,G [D61] (1), 20.04.2012

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.♘c3 d5 4.♗g5 ♗e7 5.e3 c6 6.♕c2 ♘bd7 7.♘f3 0–0 8.h3 h6 9.♗f4 c5 10.♗d3 b6 11.c×d5 ♘×d5 12.♘×d5 e×d5 13.0–0 ♘f6 14.♘e5 ♗d6 15.♖ac1 c4 16.♗e2 ♗e6 17.♗h2 ♕c8 18.g4 ♘e4 19.f3 ♘f6 20.♔h1 ♖e8 21.♖g1 ♘h7 22.♕d2 f6 23.♘g6 ♗×h2 24.♔×h2 ♗f7 25.♘h4 g5 26.♘f5 ♕c7+ 27.♔h1 ♗g6 28.♘×h6+ ♔g7 29.♘f5+ ♗×f5 30.g×f5 ♕d7 31.e4 d×e4 32.f4 ♕×f5 33.♕e3 b5 34.b3 ♔h8 35.♖g4 ♕d5 36.b×c4 b×c4 37.♗×c4 ♕d6 38.f×g5 ♘×g5 39.h4 ♘f3 40.♕h6# 1–0

Abdul-Mujeeb,N - Bartholomew,J [B01] (1), 21.04.2012

1.e4 d5 2.e×d5 ♕×d5 3.♘c3 ♕a5 4.♘f3 ♘f6 5.d3 c6 6.♗e2 ♗f5 7.♘h4 ♗g6 8.♗f4 e6 9.a3 ♘bd7 10.b4 ♕d8 11.♘×g6 h×g6 12.♘e4 e5 13.♗g5 ♗e7 14.♘×f6+ g×f6 15.♗e3 f5 16.g3 ♕c7 17.♕d2 ♗d6 18.0–0–0 0–0–0 19.h4 f4 20.g×f4 e×f4 21.♗d4 ♖he8 22.f3 ♗e5 23.♗f2 c5 24.♔b1 c×b4 25.d4 ♗d6 26.a×b4 ♗×b4 27.♕×b4 ♖×e2 28.♖d2 a5 29.♕b3 ♖×d2 30.♗e1 ♖×d4 31.♕×f7 ♖d1+ 32.♔b2 ♕b6+ 33.♔a2 ♕b1+ 34.♔a3 ♕c1+ 35.♔a4 ♕×c2+ 36.♔×a5 ♖a1+ 37.♔b4 ♖a4+ 38.♔b5 ♕c6# 0–1

Gaul,T - Li,F [A01] (1), 21.04.2012

1.b3 e5 2.♗b2 d6 3.e3 ♘c6 4.♗b5 ♕g5 5.♕f3 ♗d7 6.♘h3 ♗×h3 7.♗×c6+ ♗d7 8.♗×d7+ ♔×d7 9.♕×b7 ♖d8 10.♘c3 ♖c8 11.0–0–0 ♕d8 12.d4 ♖b8 13.♕f3 ♕f6 14.d×e5 ♕×f3 15.g×f3 f6 16.e×d6 ♗×d6 17.♘e4 ♘e7 18.♖hg1 ♘g6 19.f4 ♖hg8 20.c4 ♔e7 21.c5 ♗×f4 22.e×f4 ♘×f4 23.♖ge1 ♔f7 24.♘g3 ♖gd8 25.♔c2 ♖b5 26.♖×d8 ♖×c5+ 27.♔b1 ♘d5 28.♖c1 ♖×c1+ 29.♔×c1 ♘b4 30.♗a3 ♔e7 31.♖d4 c5 32.♗×b4 c×b4 33.♖×b4 ♔f7 34.♖b7+ ♔g6 35.♖×a7 1–0

Goffstein,D - Derby,M [B01] (1), 21.04.2012

1.e4 d5 2.e×d5 ♘f6 3.d4 ♘×d5 4.♘f3 ♗g4 5.♗e2 g6 6.0–0 ♗g7 7.h3 ♗f5 8.c4 ♘f6 9.♕b3 b6 10.♗f4 0–0 11.♘c3 a6 12.♖fd1 ♘bd7 13.♕a3 ♗e4 14.♘×e4 ♘×e4 15.♘e5 e6 16.♕e3 ♘d6 17.♗f3 ♖c8 18.♖ac1 ♘f5 19.♕a3 ♘×e5 20.d×e5 ♕e7 21.♕×e7 ♘×e7 22.♖d7 ♘f5 23.♖cd1 c5 24.♔f1 ♘d4 25.♗e4 ♖fd8 26.♖a7 a5 27.♗g5 ♖e8 28.f4 h6 29.♗h4 ♘f5 30.♗×f5 e×f5 31.♖dd7 ♖f8 32.♗e7 ♖fe8 33.♗d6 ♖a8 34.♖ab7 ♗f8 35.♗×f8 ♖×f8 36.e6 ♖ab8 37.e7 ♖fc8 38.♖×b8 ♖×b8 1–0

Schimke,T - Ellis,J [B21] (1), 21.04.2012

1.e4 c5 2.d4 c×d4 3.c3 d×c3 4.♘×c3 ♘c6 5.♗c4 d6 6.♘f3 ♘f6 7.e5 ♘d7 8.♗×f7+ ♔×f7 9.♕d5+ ♔e8 10.e×d6 ♘f6 11.♕b3 e5 12.♗g5 ♗×d6 13.0–0–0 ♕e7 14.♘b5 ♗b4 15.♘c3 ♗f5 16.♖he1 ♖d8 17.♖×d8+ ♔×d8 18.♖d1+ ♔c8 19.♘h4 ♗e6 20.♕c2 ♕c5 21.♗e3 ♘d4 0–1

Gatica,J - Abdul-Mujeeb,N [A10] (2), 21.04.2012

1.c4 d6 2.g3 ♘f6 3.♗g2 g6 4.♘c3 c6 5.e4 ♗g7 6.♘ge2 0–0 7.0–0 e5 8.d3 ♗e6 9.h3 ♘bd7 10.♗e3 ♕c7 11.♕d2 ♖ad8 12.♗g5 a6 13.♖ac1 ♘b6 14.♔h2 ♕b8 15.♗e3 ♘c8 16.f4 ♘e7 17.f×e5 ♘e8 18.♗g5 ♖d7 19.♘f4 ♗×e5 20.♘×e6 f×e6 21.♖×f8+ ♔×f8 22.♖f1+ ♔g8 23.♕f2 ♘f5 24.e×f5 e×f5 25.d4 ♗g7 26.♕e3 ♘c7 27.♖e1 ♕a7 28.♖d1 ♕b6 29.b3 ♕b4 30.♘e2 ♖f7 31.♗d8 ♘a8 32.♕e8+ ♖f8 33.♕e6+ ♔h8 34.♗e7 ♖e8 35.♕d7 ♖g8 36.♗×d6 ♕a5 37.♘f4 ♕×a2 38.♘e6 ♕×b3 39.♘×g7 ♘b6 40.♕×b7 ♕×c4 41.♗e5 ♘d5 42.♘e6+ 1–0

Plunkett,R - Mc Entee,T [B86] (2), 21.04.2012

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 c×d4 4.♘×d4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 a6 6.♗c4 e6 7.♗b3 ♘bd7 8.♗g5 ♗e7 9.f4 h6 10.♗×f6 ♗×f6 11.♕d2 ♘c5 12.0–0–0 ♘×b3+ 13.♘×b3 ♗e7 14.♔b1 ♗d7 15.♕d4 0–0 16.g4 ♖c8 17.h4 b5 18.h5 ♖c4 19.♕d3 ♕c7 20.g5 h×g5 21.♖dg1 ♗f6 22.e5 d×e5 23.f×g5 ♗e7 24.g6 f5 25.h6 ♗f6 26.h×g7 ♗×g7 27.♘d5 ♕d8 28.♘e3 ♗c6 29.♖h7 ♕×d3 30.c×d3 ♖f4 31.♖c1 ♖c8 32.♘c5 ♖e8 33.♘×a6 ♖c8 34.♘c5 ♖e8 35.♘b7 ♗×b7 36.♖c7 ♗f6 37.♖×b7 ♖f3 38.♖hf7 ♖×e3 39.♖×f6 ♖×d3 40.♖ff7 ♖g3 41.♖g7+ ♔h8 42.♖h7+ ♔g8 43.♖h6 e4 44.♖bh7 ♔f8 45.♖c7 ♔g8 46.♖ch7 ♔f8 47.♖f7+ ♔g8 ½–½

Bartholomew,J - Vasto,D [A59] (2), 21.04.2012

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.c×b5 a6 5.b×a6 g6 6.♘c3 ♗×a6 7.e4 ♗×f1 8.♔×f1 d6 9.♘ge2 ♗g7 10.h3 ♘a6 11.♔g1 0–0 12.♔h2 ♕c7 13.♖b1 ♖fb8 14.♗e3 ♕b7 15.♕d2 ♕b4 16.♘g3 ♕c4 17.♖hd1 ♘b4 18.a3 ♘a2 19.♘×a2 ♕×a2 20.e5 ♘d7 21.f4 d×e5 22.f5 ♖b6 23.f×g6 h×g6 24.♘e4 ♖ab8 25.b4 ♕×a3 26.♘×c5 ♘f6 27.♖a1 ♕×b4 28.♕×b4 ♖×b4 29.♘a6 ♖b3 30.♘×b8 ♖×e3 31.♘c6 1–0

Open

#	Player	St	Pre	Post	1	2	3	4	5	T
1	Bartholomew, John	MN	2510*	2511*	W26	W14	W4	D2	W6	4.5
2	Dahl, Matthew D	MN	2242*	2260*	W23	W15	W11	D1	W8	4.5
3	Plunkett, Robert	MN	2230*	2234*	W12	D13	W7	D8	D5	3.5
4	Goffstein, Daniel	IA	2158*	2168*	W18	W16	L1	W10	D9	3.5
5	Amarasinghe, Pras	MN	2168*	2160*	W19	L11	W24	W12	D3	3.5
6	Mattson, Dane M	WI	2151*	2162*	W20	W24	D8	W13	L1	3.5
7	Gatica, Jose M	IA	2035*	2044*	H0	W26	L3	W19	W14	3.5
8	Iwu, Okechukwu An	MN	2275*	2273*	W10	W9	D6	D3	L2	3.0
9	Keating, Robert F	IA	2236*	2230*	W17	L8	D13	W16	D4	3.0
10	Weatherspoon, Kyl	MN	2020*	2017*	L8	W17	W25	L4	W20	3.0
11	Gaul, Thomas	IA	1839*	1894*	W21	W5	L2	D14	D13	3.0
12	Baker, John M	MN	1837*	1850*	L3	W23	W20	L5	W21	3.0
13	Mc Entee, Tim R	IA	2200*	2200*	W25	D3	D9	L6	D11	2.5
14	Vasto, Daniel	IA	2054*	2044*	W28	L1	W18	D11	L7	2.5
15	Pelletier, Jeremy	MN	1600*	1608*	B0	L2	L17	D18	W25	2.5
16	Ellis, James S	IA	2002*	2000*	W27	L4	D19	L9	D18	2.0
17	Gaustad, Kevin A	MN	1737*	1733*	L9	L10	W15	D25	D19	2.0
18	Derby, Mark	SD	1670*	1683*	L4	W27	L14	D15	D16	2.0
19	Saleem, Arshaq	IA	1685*	1702*	L5	W21	D16	L7	D17	2.0
20	Adams, Lynn P	MN	1610*	1618*	L6	W22	L12	W27	L10	2.0
21	Li, Frank	IA	1542*	1578*	L11	L19	W26	W24	L12	2.0
22	Hallreppen, Joe	IA	1283*	1315*	L24	L20	B0	L23	W27	2.0
23	Floeder, David Pa	MN	1792*	1761*	L2	L12	L27	W22	D24	1.5
24	Kollodge, Zachary	MN	1687*	1672*	W22	L6	L5	L21	D23	1.5
25	Waters, Greg H	SD	1601*	1586*	L13	B0	L10	D17	L15	1.5
26	Abdulmujeeb, Num	NE	1702*	1680*	L1	L7	L21	B0	U0	1.0
27	Schimke, Timothy	MN	1599*	1568*	L16	L18	W23	L20	L22	1.0
28	Waters, Greg H	SD	1601*	1586*	L14	U0	U0	U0	U0	0.0

Left: 2012 Okoboji Reserve Champion John Flores (left) handing the Russ Swanson Reserve Trophy to Swanson's' friend Lynn Adams. Right: 2012 Okoboji Open Champions (from left): NM Matt Dahl, Tournament Organizer Jodene Kruse, IM John Bartholomew.

Class E

#	Player	Pre	Post	1	2	3	4	T
1	Jackson, Jason R	1218/04	1238/07	*0	L4	W2	W3	2.0
2	Adamec, Andrew	1057*	1094*	L1	W4	*0	D3	1.5
3	Jain, Chirag	1160*	1159*	L1	W4	D2	*0	1.5
4	Sivagurunathan, S	1166*	1142*	W1	*0	L2	L3	1.0

Class F

#	Player	Pre	Post	1	2	3	4	T
1	Denison, Ana L	962*	1024*	W6	L4	W5	W2	3.0
2	Denison, Christin	963*	999*	D3	W6	W4	L1	2.5
3	Lu, Morgan	875*	936*	D2	L5	W6	W4	2.5
4	Park, Jaeyun	1106*	1069*	W5	W1	L2	L3	2.0
5	Power, Josiah Tho	788*	814*	L4	W3	L1	D6	1.5
6	Knecht, Teresa Ph	866*	810*	L1	L2	L3	D5	0.5

Class G/Below

#	Player	Pre	Post	1	2	3	4	5	T
1	Smith, Ryan C	483*	725*	W10	L3	W7	W4	W2	4.0
2	Chen, Jonathan	493/10	786/15	W7	W4	W3	W5	L1	4.0
3	Zastrow, Mason	757*	748*	W6	W1	L2	W7	L4	3.0
4	Palaniappan, Arju	713*	698*	W8	L2	W9	L1	W3	3.0
5	Lodh, Anish	643*	622*	W9	L7	W6	L2	W8	3.0
6	Smith, Aaron Matt	296/05	379/10	L3	W8	L5	W10	W9	3.0
7	Kogan, Daniel	759*	693*	L2	W5	L1	L3	W10	2.0
8	Heywood, Gwen	581/00	307/05	L4	L6	W10	W9	L5	2.0
9	Edberg, Liam Issa	330/00	146/05	L5	W10	L4	L8	L6	1.0
10	Deyak, Nathan	432/00	101/05	L1	L9	L8	L6	L7	0.0

Ultimately, what separates a winner from a loser at the grandmaster level is the willingness to do the unthinkable. A brilliant strategy is, certainly, a matter of intelligence, but intelligence without audaciousness is not enough. Given the opportunity, I must have the guts to explode the game, to upend my opponent's thinking and, in so doing, unnerve him. So it is in business: One does not succeed by sticking to convention. When your opponent can easily anticipate every move you make, your strategy deteriorates and becomes commoditized. —Garry Kasparov

Winning is not a secret that belongs to a very few, winning is something that we can learn by studying ourselves, studying the environment and making ourselves ready for any challenge that is in front of us. —Garry Kasparov

Iowa Class Championships

The Iowa Class Championships were held at the Clarion Inn in Iowa City on April 28. The tournament drew 30 players from around the state all hoping to become the next champion. Class M/X/A were combined and the co-winners were Dan Brashaw (Coralville) and Jiahua Zhang (Iowa City). Class B was won by Joseph Meyer, from Waterloo. Class C was won by Matt Kriegel from Toledo. Class D was won by Bob Vance from Des Moines. Class E was won by Jason Jackson from Iowa City. Class F was won by Ana Denison from Ames. Class G/below was co-won by Ryan Smith (Iowa City) and Jonathan Chen.

#	Player	Pre	Post	1	2	3	4	T
1	Brashaw, Dan	1960*	1973*	W4	W3	D2	H0	3.0
2	Zhang, Jiahua	1851*	1880*	H0	W6	D1	W5	3.0
3	Eichhorn, George	1945*	1932*	W7	L1	D5	D4	2.0
4	Hesse, Thomas	1806*	1816*	L1	H0	W6	D3	2.0
5	Saleem, Arshaq	1702*	1730*	D6	W7	D3	L2	2.0
6	Thompson, Tony D	1832*	1807*	D5	L2	L4	B0	1.5
7	Jacob, Mathew	1792*	1770*	L3	L5	U0	U0	0.0
Class	B							
1	Meyer, Joseph Ric	1726*	1753*	W4	W5	D3	W3	3.5
2	Wolz, Dave	1716*	1720*	L3	W4	W5	W6	3.0
3	Zhou, Ziwen	1594*	1637*	W2	W6	D1	L1	2.5
4	Killian, Steve D	1651*	1636*	L1	L2	W6	U0	1.0
5	Jacobs, Steve H	1412*	1401*	B0	L1	L2	U0	1.0
6	Power, Clive Scot	1513*	1483*	H0	L3	L4	L2	0.5
Class	C							
1	Kriegel, Matthew	1402*	1473*	W2	W7	W5	D3	3.5
2	Carson, Bethany	1556*	1552*	L1	W6	W4	W5	3.0
3	Broich, William	1473*	1456*	W4	L5	W7	D1	2.5
4	Taylor, David C	1266*	1271*	L3	B0	L2	W7	2.0
5	Jain, Chirag	778*	876*	B0	W3	L1	L2	2.0
6	Rector, Richard L	1458*	1417*	L7	L2	B0	U0	1.0
7	Hopkins, George A	1297*	1280*	W6	L1	L3	L4	1.0
Class	D							
1	Vance, Robert S	1382*	1464*	W4	W10	W5	W3	4.0
2	Takahashi, Mina C	1256*	1319*	D7	W8	W10	D5	3.0
3	Hyde, Kevin J	1364*	1386*	W6	D5	W7	L1	2.5
4	Takahashi, Michae	1095*	1162*	L1	W6	D9	W10	2.5
5	Carson, Tim	1386*	1379*	W8	D3	L1	D2	2.0
6	Jackson, Jason R	UNR	1218/04	L3	L4	W8	W9	2.0
7	Thangavel, Gokul	1384*	1368*	D2	W9	L3	U0	1.5
8	Felgar, Stanley	1291*	1232*	L5	L2	L6	B0	1.0
9	Power, Matthew Sc	1121*	1097*	H0	L7	D4	L6	1.0
10	Vigil, Eric G	992/16	968/19	B0	L1	L2	L4	1.0

Reserve

#	Player	St	Pre	Post	1	2	3	4	5	T
1	Flores, John B	IA	1576*	1594*	W9	W3	L4	W6	W5	4.0
2	Smith, Sam R	MN	1484*	1489*	W11	L4	W7	D3	W8	3.5
3	Hale, Roger L	MN	1314*	1389*	W12	L1	W11	D2	W4	3.5
4	Trettel, Michael	MN	1554*	1545*	W10	W2	W1	L5	L3	3.0
5	Khan, Riaz A	MN	1493*	1494*	W13	D8	H0	W4	L1	3.0
6	Broich, William	IA	1506*	1473*	L14	W13	W12	L1	W9	3.0
7	Jacobs, Steve H	IA	1427*	1412*	H0	W14	L2	D8	W11	3.0
8	Benetz, Tony	NE	1290*	1298*	W16	D5	H0	D7	L2	2.5
9	Fuhs, Alexander	SD	1218*	1190*	L1	L12	W16	W14	L6	2.0
10	Kollodge, Jeff	MN	1138*	1108*	L4	L11	W13	L12	W14	2.0
11	Fuhs, Mike	SD	986/21	1015*	L2	W10	L3	W16	L7	2.0
12	Muehlbach, James	MN	936*	1064*	L3	W9	L6	W10	U0	2.0
13	Schimke, Benjamin	MN	970*	959*	L5	L6	L10	D15	W16	1.5
14	Smith, Gerald D	IA	1041*	1046*	W6	L7	H0	L9	L10	1.5
15	Kruse, Jodene	IA	1100*	1089*	H0	U0	U0	D13	U0	1.0
16	Katz, Joel S	MN	385*	380*	L8	B0	L9	L11	L13	1.0

The Masters of the 2012 Okoboji Open (from left) : Prasantha Amarasinghe, Okechukwu Iwu, Bob Keating, Matt Dahl, Jim Ellis, Tim Mc Entee, Robert Plunkett, Tournament Organizer Jodene Kruse, John Bartholomew, Dan Vasto.

Keating,R - Iwu,O [C18] (2), 21.04.2012
1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.♘c3 ♗b4 4.e5 ♘e7 5.♕g4 c5 6.a3 ♗×c3+ 7.b×c3 ♕c7 8.♕×g7 ♖g8 9.♕×h7 c×d4 10.♘e2 ♘bc6 11.f4 d×c3 12.♕d3 d4 13.♘×d4 ♘×d4 14.♕×d4 ♗d7 15.♕f2 ♘f5 16.♗d3 ♗c6 17.♖g1 ♖d8 18.g4 ♘d4 19.♖g3 ♕a5 20.♗e3 ♕d5 21.♗×d4 ♕×d4 22.♔e2 ♕a4 23.♕e3 ♖d4 24.♖b1 ♖×f4 25.h3 ♕d4 26.♖b4 ♕×e3+ 27.♔×e3 ♖×b4 28.a×b4 ♔e7 29.♔d4 f6 30.e×f6+ ♔×f6 31.h4 e5+ 32.♔e3 ♖h8 33.g5+ ♔g7 34.♖h3 e4 35.♗e2 ♔g6 36.♔d4 ♗a4 37.♔×c3 ♖c8+ 38.♔d4 ♖×c2 39.♗c4 ♗d7 40.h5+ ♔×g5 41.h6 ♗×h3 42.h7 ♖d2+ 43.♔e3 ♖d8 44.♗g8 ♖d3+ 45.♔f2 e3+ 46.♔f3 ♗g4+ 47.♔g2 ♖d2+ **0–1**

Ellis,J - Goffstein,D [C30] (2), 21.04.2012
1.e4 e5 2.f4 ♗c5 3.♘c3 d6 4.♘f3 ♗g4 5.♗c4 ♘c6 6.♘a4 ♘d4 7.♘×c5 ♗×f3 8.g×f3 ♕h4+ 9.♔f1 d×c5 10.c3 ♘c6 11.d3 e×f4 12.♕e2 ♘ge7 13.♗d2 0–0–0 14.♗×f7 ♘e5 15.♗e6+ ♔b8 16.d4 c×d4 17.c×d4 ♖×d4 18.♗c3 ♖d6 19.♗b4 ♖×e6 20.♕b5 ♘5c6 21.♗c3 ♖g6 **0–1**

Li,F - Saleem,A [B41] (2), 21.04.2012
1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 e6 3.d4 c×d4 4.♘×d4 a6 5.c4 ♘f6 6.♘c3 ♕c7 7.♗d3 ♘c6 8.♗e3 ♘e5 9.0–0 ♘×c4 10.♗×c4 ♕×c4 11.f4 d6 12.e5 ♘d5 13.♘×d5 ♕×d5 14.♘f3 ♕×d1 15.♖a×d1 d5 16.♗b6 ♗d7 17.♘d4 ♗e7 18.f5 0–0 19.♖f3 ♖ac8 20.f6 g×f6 21.e×f6 ♗d6 22.♘e2 ♖c2 23.♘c3 ♖×b2 24.♗e3 ♘b5 25.♘×d5 e×d5 26.♖×d5 ♗c6 27.♖×d6 ♗×f3 28.g×f3 ♖e8 29.♔f1 h5 30.♗h6 ♔h7 31.♗g5 ♖c8 32.♔e1 ♖×a2 33.♖b6 ♖cc2 **0–1**

Plunkett,R - Gatica,J [B33](3), 21.04.2012
1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.d4 c×d4 4.♘×d4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 e5 6.♘db5 d6 7.♗g5 a6 8.♘a3 b5 9.♗×f6 g×f6 10.♘d5 f5 11.♗×b5 a×b5 12.♘×b5 ♖a4 13.c4 ♖×c4 14.♘bc7+ ♔d7 15.0–0 ♕×c7 16.♘×c7 ♔×c7 17.♕h5 ♗e6 18.b3 ♖×e4 19.♖ac1 ♔d7 20.♖fd1 ♗e7 21.♕f3 ♘d4 22.♕d3 ♗g5 23.♖c3 ♖c8 24.♖×c8 ♔×c8 25.f3 ♖e2 26.♕a6+ ♔d7 27.h4 ♗e3+ 28.♔h1 ♖c2 29.b4 ♖e2 30.♕b7+ ♔d8 31.b5 ♖c2 32.♕b8+ ♔e7 33.b6 ♗d5 34.♕a7+ ♔e6 35.b7 ♗×b7 36.♕×b7 ♖c4 37.♕b8 d5 38.♕e8+ ♔f6 39.♕h8+ ♔g6 40.♕×e5 ♘e2 41.g3 d4 42.h5+ **1–0**

Mc Entee,T - Keating,R [E71] (3), 21.04.2012
1.d4 g6 2.c4 ♗g7 3.e4 d6 4.♘c3 ♘f6 5.h3 0–0 6.♗g5 h6 7.♗e3 e5 8.d5 a5 9.♗d3 ♘a6 10.g4 ♘d7 11.♕d2 ♔h7 12.0–0–0 ♘dc5 13.♗b1 ♗d7 14.♘ge2 ♕e8 15.♖dg1 b5 16.c×b5 ♗×b5 17.♘×b5 ♕×b5 18.♘c3 ♕c4 19.♕e2 ♕b4 20.♕b5 ♖fb8 21.♕×b4 a×b4 22.♘e2 ♖c8 23.♔d2 c6 24.d×c6 ♖×c6 25.♖c1 ♖ac8 26.♗d3 ♔g8 27.f3 ♔f8 28.b3 ♔e7 29.♗c4 ♘c7 30.♖c2 ♗f8 31.♘c1 ♘7e6 32.♘d3 ♘×d3 33.♔×d3 ♘f4+ 34.♗×f4 ½–½

Dahl,M - Gaul,T [C02] (3), 21.04.2012
1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 ♕b6 5.♘f3 ♘c6 6.a3 c×d4 7.c×d4 ♘h6 8.b4 ♘f5 9.♗b2 ♗d7 10.g4 ♘h6 11.h3 ♘a5 12.♘c3 ♘c4 13.♗×c4 d×c4 14.d5 0–0–0 15.♕e2 ♕a6 16.d6 ♗c6 17.♖c1 ♗d5 18.♘×d5 e×d5 19.0–0 ♖g8 20.♘d4 ♗×d6 21.e×d6 ♕×d6 22.♘b5 ♕a6 23.♖×c4+ d×c4 24.♕×c4+ ♔d7 25.♕c7+ ♔e6 26.♖e1+ ♔d5 27.♕c5# **1–0**

Vasto,D - Derby,M [B01] (3), 21.04.2012
1.e4 d5 2.e×d5 ♘f6 3.♘f3 ♘×d5 4.d4 e6 5.♗e2 ♗e7 6.0–0 0–0 7.c4 ♘f6 8.♘c3 b6 9.♗f4 c6 10.♕c2 ♗b7 11.♖ad1 ♘bd7 12.♘e5 ♕c8 13.♗d3 h6 14.♖fe1 ♘h5 15.♗e3 ♘hf6 16.♕c1 c5 17.♘×d7 ♘×d7 18.d5 g5 19.h4 f6 20.d×e6 ♘e5 21.♗f5 ♘×c4 22.♘d5 ♗×d5 23.♖×d5 ♘×e3 24.♕×e3 ♖d8 25.♖d7 ♔f8 26.h×g5 f×g5 27.♕e5 ♔g8 28.♖×e7 **1–0**

Goffstein,D - Bartholomew,J [B01] (3), 21.04.2012
1.e4 d5 2.e×d5 ♕×d5 3.♘c3 ♕a5 4.d4 c6 5.♗c4 ♗f5 6.♘f3 ♘f6 7.0–0 e6 8.♗d2 ♕c7 9.♖e1 ♘bd7 10.♘e5 ♘×e5 11.d×e5 ♘g4 12.♕e2 ♗c5 13.♘d1 0□ 0□ 0 14.h3 h5 15.h×g4 ♗×g4 **0–1**

Saleem,A - Ellis,J [B85] (3), 21.04.2012
1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 c×d4 4.♘×d4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 ♘c6 6.♗e2 e6 7.♗e3 ♗e7 8.0–0 0–0 9.♔h1 a6 10.a4 ♕c7 11.f4 ♖e8 12.♗d3 ♘×d4 13.♗×d4 e5 14.♗e3 e×f4 15.♗×f4 ♗e6 16.♘d5 ♗×d5 17.e×d5 ♘d7 18.♕h5 g6 19.♕f3 ♗f8 20.♖ae1 ♘c5 21.b3 ♖ac8 22.♖e2 ♗g7 23.♗g5 ♗e5 ½–½

Iwu,O - Plunkett,R [A15] (4), 22.04.2012
1.♘f3 ♘f6 2.c4 g6 3.b4 ♗g7 4.♗b2 0–0 5.g3 d6 6.♗g2 e5 7.0–0 a5 8.b5 ♘bd7 9.♘c3 ♘h5 10.d4 ♘b6 11.♕d3 ♗e6 12.♘d2 e×d4 13.♘d5 c6 14.b×c6 b×c6 15.♘×b6 ♕×b6 16.♗a3 ♖ad8 17.♖fb1 ♕c7 18.c5 d5 19.♖b6 ♗f5 20.♕a6 ♖a8 21.♖×c6 ♕e7 22.♕b5 ♖fb8 23.♖b6 ♖×b6 24.♕×b6 ♕×e2 25.♗×d5 ♖e8 26.♕×a5 d3 27.♖f1 ♗h6 28.♗b4 ♗h3 29.♗f3 ♕e6 30.c6 ♗×f1 31.♘×f1 ♘f6 32.c7 ♘e4 33.♕b5 d2 34.♕d3 ♘×f2 35.♔×f2 ♕b6+ 36.♔g2 ♕×c7 37.♗×d2 ♖d8 38.♗d5 ♗×d2 39.♘×d2 ♕d7 40.♘e4 ♕f5 41.♗×f7+ ♔×f7 42.♕×d8 ♕×e4+ 43.♔f2 ♕c2+ 44.♔f3 ♕×a2 45.♕d7+ ♔g8 46.♕e8+ ♔g7 47.♕e7+ ♕f7+ 48.♕×f7+ ♔×f7 ½–½

Mattson,D - Mc Entee,T [A09](4), 22.04.2012
1.♘f3 d5 2.c4 d4 3.g3 ♘c6 4.d3 e5 5.♗g2 ♘f6 6.0–0 ♗e7 7.b4 ♗×b4 8.♘×e5 ♘×e5 9.♕a4+ ♗d7 10.♕×b4 ♘c6 11.♕d2 0–0 12.♘a3 ♖e8 13.♖b1 b6 14.♘c2 ♕e7 15.♖e1 ♖ad8 16.♕f4 ♘e5 17.♕h4 h6 18.♕×d4 ♗a4 19.♕c3 ♗×c2 20.♗a3 c5 21.♕×c2 ♘×d3 22.e×d3 ♕×e1+ 23.♖×e1 ♖×e1+ 24.♗f1 ♘g4 25.♗b2 f6 26.♗c3 ♖e7 27.a4 a5 28.♕b2 ♘e5 29.♗×a5 **1–0**

Gatica,J - Saleem,A [A25] (4), 22.04.2012
1.c4 e5 2.g3 ♘f6 3.♗g2 ♘c6 4.♘c3 ♗c5 5.a3 a5 6.e3 d6 7.♘ge2 0–0 8.0–0 h6 9.h3 ♗f5 10.d4 e×d4 11.♘×d4 ♗×d4 12.e×d4 ♕d7 13.♔h2 ♖fe8 14.f4 ♖e7 15.d5 ♘b8 16.g4 ♗h7 17.f5 ♕e8 18.♗f4 ♘bd7 19.♕d2 ♘e5 20.b3 b6 21.♖ae1 ♖c8 22.♘b5 ♔h8 23.♘a7 ♖a8 24.♗×e5 ♖×e5 25.♘c6 ♖×e1 26.♖×e1 ♕f8 27.♖e7 ♖c8 28.♕e2 ♖e8 29.♖×e8 ♕×e8 30.♕×e8+ ♘×e8 31.♔g3 g6 32.♔f4 ♔g7 33.♗e4 ♔f6 34.h4 g×f5 35.g5+ h×g5+ 36.h×g5+ ♔g7 37.♗×f5 ♗×f5 38.♔×f5 ♔h7 39.♘b8 ♔g7 40.♘d7 ♔g8 41.b4 ♔g7 42.b×a5 b×a5 43.a4 **1–0**

Gaul,T - Vasto,D [A04] (4), 22.04.2012
1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.g3 ♘c6 4.♗g2 g6 5.0–0 ♗g7 6.d3 e5 7.♗g5 f6 8.♗e3 ♘ge7 9.♕c1 h6 10.♘c3 ♗e6 11.♘h4 g5 12.♘f3 ♕d7 13.♖d1 ♘d4 14.♗×d4 c×d4 15.♘e2 h5 16.c3 d×c3 17.b×c3 h4 18.♕b2 h×g3 19.♘×g3 ♘g6 20.♖ab1 ♖b8 21.♕b5 ♘f4 22.♕×d7+ ♔×d7 23.♖b2 g4 24.♘e1 ♔c7 25.♖db1 ♖h7 26.a4 ♗d7 27.a5 ♗c6 28.d4 ♘×g2 29.♘×g2 d5 30.c4 d×c4 31.d5 ♗a4 32.♘e3 ♗f8 33.♘×c4 ♗c5 34.♘e3 ♗×e3 35.f×e3 b5 36.♖c1+ ♔d8 ½–½

Keating,R - Ellis,J [B67] (4), 22.04.2012
1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 c×d4 4.♘×d4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 ♘c6 6.♗g5 e6 7.♕d2 a6 8.0–0–0 ♗d7 9.f4 b5 10.♗×f6 g×f6 11.♔b1 ♕b6 12.♘×c6 ♗×c6 13.f5 b4 14.♘e2 e5 15.♘g3 h5 16.h4 ♕c5 17.♗d3 ♗h6 18.♕e2 ♗e3 19.♘×h5 ♔e7 20.♖h3 ♗d4 21.g4 d5 22.♘g3 a5 23.♕f3 ♖ac8 24.♘e2 ♗f2 25.h5 a4 26.g5 ♖hd8 27.♖hh1 d×e4 28.♗×e4 ♕×c2+ 29.♗×c2 ♗×f3 30.♖×d8 ♖×d8 31.♖h2 ♗e1 32.g6 ♔f8 33.h6 a3 34.b×a3 b×a3 35.♘g1 ♗d5 36.♖h3 ♗d2 37.♘e2 ♖b8+ 38.♔a1 ♖c8 39.♗b3 ♗g2 40.♖g3 ♗f1 41.g7+ ♔g8 42.♗×f7+ ♕×f7 43.h7 **1–0**

Bartholomew,J - Dahl,M [D31] (4), 22.04.2012
1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.♘c3 ♗e7 4.c×d5 e×d5 5.♗f4 ♘f6 6.e3 c6 7.♗d3 ♘bd7 8.h3 ♘f8 9.♘f3 ♘e6 10.♗h2 g6 11.0–0 ♘g7 12.♖b1 ♗f5 13.♘e5 0–0 14.b4 ♖c8 15.♘a4 ♗×d3 16.♕×d3 ♗d6 17.♘c5 ♕e7 18.♖fc1 b6 19.♘b3 ♗×e5 20.♗×e5 ♘d7 21.♗×g7 ♔×g7 22.a3 ♘f6 23.♖c2 ♖c7 24.♖bc1 ♖fc8 25.f3 ♖e8 26.♖c3 ♕d6 ½–½

Dahl,M - Iwu,O [C02] (5), 22.04.2012
1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 ♘c6 5.♘f3 ♗d7 6.a3 f6 7.♗d3 f×e5 8.♘×e5 ♘f6 9.♗g5 ♗d6 10.♘g4 ♗e7 11.♘×f6+ ♗×f6 12.♕h5+ ♔f8 13.♗×f6 ♕×f6 14.d×c5 ♘e5 15.♗e2 a5 16.♘d2 a4 17.0–0 g6 18.♕h3 ♔g7 19.♖ad1 ♖hc8 20.♕e3 ♖a5 21.f4 ♘f7 22.♘e4 ♕f5 23.♕d4+ e5 24.f×e5 ♕×e4 25.♕×e4 d×e4 26.♖×d7 **1–0**

Vasto,D - Gatica,J [B33] (5), 22.04.2012
1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.d4 c×d4 4.♘×d4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 e5 6.♘db5 d6 7.♗g5 a6 8.♗×f6 g×f6 9.♘a3 f5 10.♗d3 f4 11.♕h5 ♗e6 12.♗c4 ♗×c4 13.♘×c4 b5 14.♘d2 ♘d4 15.0–0 ♖c8 16.♖ac1 h6 17.♘d5 ♕g5 18.♕h3 ♖c6 19.♘b4 ♖b6 20.♖fe1 a5 21.♘d5 ♖c6 22.c3 ♘e6 23.♘f3 ♕d8 24.♘h4 ♘c7 25.♘f5 ♘×d5 26.e×d5 ♖c5 27.♕f3 ♕g5 28.♘d4 ♗e7 29.♘b3 ♖c4 30.♘d2 ♖c8 31.♕d3 ♖b8 32.♘b3 ♗d8 33.c4 0–0 34.c×b5 f5 35.♖c6 e4 36.♕f1 ♗b6 37.♖×d6 e3 38.♖×b6 ♖×b6 39.♘d4 ♖e8 40.♘e6 ♖b×e6 41.d×e6 ♖×e6 42.♕c4 e×f2+ 43.♔×f2 ♕h4+ **0–1**

Mc Entee,T - Gaul,T [D52] (5), 22.04.2012
1.d4 e6 2.c4 ♘f6 3.♘c3 d5 4.♗g5 c6 5.e3 ♘bd7 6.♘f3 ♕a5 7.♕c2 ♘e4 8.♗h4 ♗b4 9.♘d2 ♗×c3 10.b×c3 ♕×c3 11.♕×c3 ♘×c3 12.♗d3 ♘f6 13.0–0 ♘ce4 14.♘×e4 ♘×e4 ½–½

Ellis,J - Derby,M [B01] (5), 22.04.2012
1.e4 d5 2.e×d5 ♘f6 3.♘f3 ♘×d5 4.d4 g6 5.c4 ♘f6 6.♘c3 ♗g7 7.♗g5 0–0 8.♕d2 b6 9.0–0–0 ♗b7 10.♗d3 ♘c6 11.d5 ♘b4 12.♗b1 a5 13.♖he1 c6 14.d6 e×d6 15.♕f4 d5 16.♘e4 ♘h5 17.♕h4 ♕c7 18.♘g3 f6 19.♗d2 ♘×g3 20.h×g3 ♕f7 21.♖h1 ♗h8 22.♗c3 d×c4 23.♖d6 ½–½

Goffstein,D - Keating,R [B06] (5), 22.04.2012
1.e4 g6 2.d4 ♗g7 3.♘c3 d6 4.f4 a6 5.♘f3 b5 6.♗d3 ♘d7 7.0–0 c5 8.e5 c×d4 9.♘e4 d×e5 10.f×e5 ♘×e5 11.♗f4 ♘×d3 12.c×d3 ♘h6 13.♘e5 ♕d5 14.♕f3 ♗b7 15.♗×h6 ♗×h6 16.♕×f7+ ♕×f7 17.♘×f7 ♗e3+ 18.♔h1 0□ 0 19.♘fg5 ♖×f1+ 20.♖×f1 ♗d5 21.h4 h6 22.♘f3 ♗×a2 23.♘e5 ♔g7 24.h5 g×h5 25.♘g3 ♗e6 26.♘×h5+ ♔h7 27.♘c6 ♖c8 28.♘×e7 ♖c1 29.♘f6+ ♔h8 30.♖×c1 ♗×c1 31.♘e4 ♗×b2 32.♘c5 ♗a3 33.♘g6+ ♔g7 34.♘f4 ♗c8 35.♘b3 ♗b2 36.♔g1 ♗c3 37.♘e2 ♗f5 38.♘e×d4 ♗×d4+ 39.♘×d4 ♗×d3 40.♘e6+ ♔f6 41.♘c5 ♗c4 42.♘×a6 ♔e5 43.♔f2 ♗e6 44.♔e3 h5 45.g3 ♗f5 46.♘b4 ♗e4 47.♘a6 ♗g6 48.♘b4 ♗f5 49.♘c6+ ♔d6 50.♘d4 ♗d7 51.♔d3 ♔c5 52.♘e2 ♗f5+ 53.♔c3 b4+ 54.♔b2 ♗e6 55.♘f4 ♗f7 56.♘d3+ ♔b5 57.♘e5 ♗e6 58.♘g6 ♔c5 59.♘f4 ♗g4 60.♘g6 ♗d1 61.♘f4 ♔c4 62.♘g6 ♔d4 63.♘f4 ♔c5 64.♘g6 ♗f3 65.♘f4 ♗g4 66.♔b3 ♗d1+ 67.♔b2 ♔c4 68.♘g6 ♗f3 69.♘e5+ ♔d4 70.♘×f3+ ♔e3 71.♘h4 ½–½

Puzzle Time Answer:

1.♘f7+ ♔g8 2.♘h6+ ♔h8 3.♕g8+ ♖×g8 4.♘f7#